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THE CELLS ARE.

FIRE A VOLLEY OF FIRE.

OKAY

I'VE GENERALLY LOCKED DOWN THE LOCATIONS.

THESE 5 CELLS.

THE LAST SUB-MARINE...

NO... NO WAY...

SHOULD BE HIDDEN AROUND HERE.

CHAPTER 296
THE POSTURE OF EXPECTATION

THAT ANXIOUS FACE OF YOURS IS MORE PERSUASIVE THAN THE BACKSTER EFFECT.

RIGHT NOW,

OOFUNA-KUN... INDEED...

BUT,

I DON'T TRUST IT COMPLETELY EITHER.

SUCH A PITIFUL THREAT WON'T WORK.

SUBMARINE... YOU SAY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THERE'S NO SUB-MARINE...

SEEMS LIKE YOUR RADAR IS JUST SOME USELESS JUNK.

WITH MY LATEST RADAR, I CAN EASILY FIND IT.

YOUR SUBMARINE IS JUST AN ABANDONED SHIP THAT KEEPS MAKING NOISE... YOU COULD SAY IT'S THE I-1 SUBMARINE OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY.

THE SUB-MARINE IS WITHIN THESE CELLS!

BUT WHETHER HE DID IT OR NOT, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE RESULT ANYWAY.

OOFUNA COULDN'T HELP BLUFFING.

IN ORDER TO KEEP CALM.

FIRE!

ONE OF THE 4 SHOTS HIT A CRUISER.

THE CAPTAIN WON'T KNOW WHICH ONE HIT IT...

BUT,

AND,

SANK ...

THE LAST SHOT


THE SUB-
MARINE.
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MARINE.
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MARINE.
SUB-
MARINE.

A VOLLEY OF FIRE AGAIN.

GOT

DUE TO THE CONSECUTIVE SINKING, CAPTAIN LACY

FOLLOWED BY A SUBMARINE.

A DES-TROYER

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IT'S NOT GONNA END...

IT'S LIKE HIS TURN WILL NEVER END.

HE GOT ANOTHER ONE RIGHT AWAY...

WHAT IS THIS!?

AFTER HE USED A VOLLEY OF FIRE,

HE SANK THE TWO SUB-MARINES ...

WILL BECOME A NIGHTMARE THAT WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR AND BE BRANDED IN HIS BRAIN.

THE 9TH ROUND,

THE 9TH ROUND.

THE DEVIL OF

AND WON'T STOP TILL THE END...

THIS CHAIN OF NIGHTMARES WILL KEEP GOING...

I'M GOING TO USE THE VOLLEY OF FIRE AGAIN, OOFUNA-KUN!!

WHAT... IS THIS?

WHERE...

AM I...?

WHY AM I...

HERE?

BOMB

BOMB

IT'S THE CRUISER THAT YOU HIT JUST NOW.

WITH THIS, THE CRUISER IS...

2 SHOTS HIT A CRUISER.

AND,

DUE TO THE CONSECUTIVE SINKING,

COMP-LETELY SUNKEN.

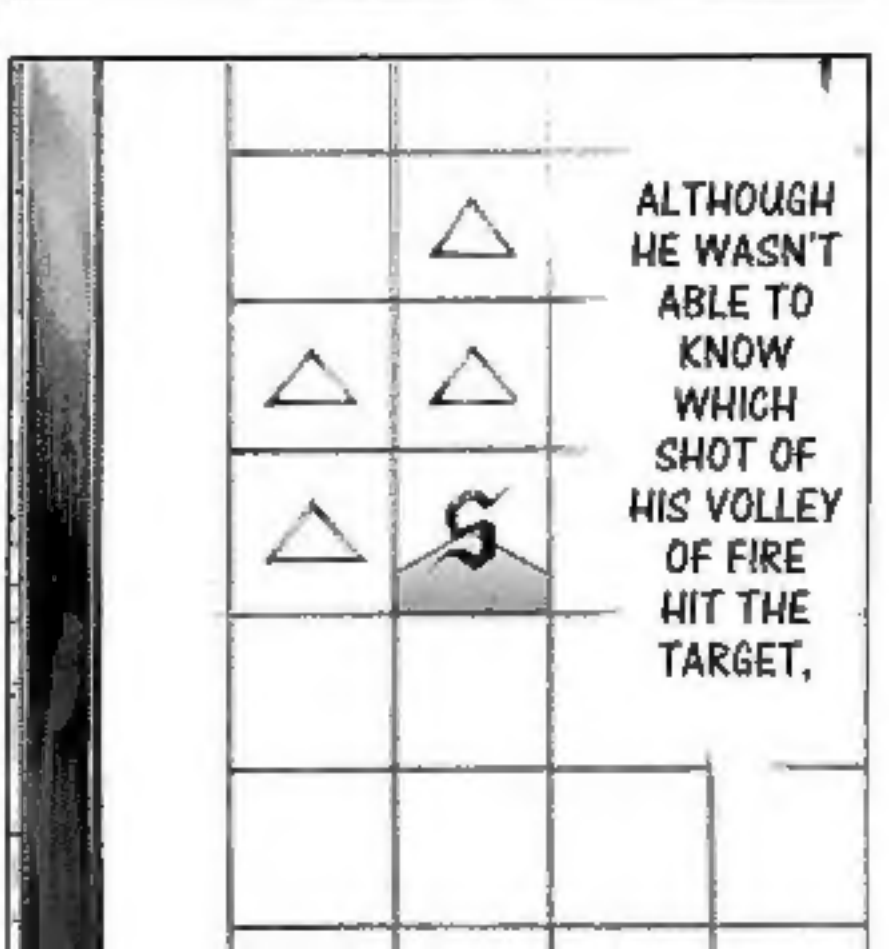

HA HA HA!
GA HAHA HA!
CAPTAIN LACY GOT ANOTHER VOLLEY OF FIRE.


HAAA AAAAA HAHA HAHA HAHA!
SWAY-...


AND HE ALSO KNEW...
THAT IT'S BETTER TO ATTACK THE CELLS THAT ARE NOT AROUND THE SUBMARINE.
IT'S THE MOST REASONABLE STRATEGY TO NOT GIVE THE TURN TO THE OPPONENT.


HE USED ANOTHER "VOLLEY OF FIRE" TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM EFFECTIVELY.


PUTING ASIDE THE RADAR, HIS ATTACKS WERE NEVER WASTED.
THIS GUY...


ALTHOUGH HE WASN'T ABLE TO KNOW WHICH SHOT OF HIS VOLLEY OF FIRE HIT THE TARGET,

IF IT WAS PERFECT, THIS MATCH WOULD HAVE ALREADY ENDED.

YOU'RE RIGHT... IN FACT, HE HAS MISSED MANY TIMES.

YOKOI-SAN,

THAT RADAR... ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS, IT'S NOT PERFECT. SO WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE.

BUT THE CAPTAIN STILL HAS ONE VOLLEY OF FIRE.

WE'RE NOT ONLY FALLING BEHIND,

AND WE HAVE 0.

THE CAPTAIN STILL HAS 2 SUB-MARINES,

BUT IT'S CLOSE TO THE END RIGHT NOW.

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WE CAN ADVANCE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ADVANCE?

HUH?

THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT WE CAN DO.

THINK POSI-TIVELY AND ADVANCE!

THEN ARE YOU GONNA GIVE UP?

SO THEY CAN'T SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THEM-SELVES.

ARE DOMI-NATED BY THEIR DAILY LIFE,

.....

HUH?

THINGS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS BECAUSE YOU, WHO WAS AFRAID TO DIE, CALLED OOFUNA SAN HERE!

ALSO, I'M NOT EVEN RELATED TO THIS CASE!

THE REASON WHY OOFUNA-SAN RAN INTO THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION WAS BECAUSE WE WERE CAPTURED.

PEOPLE,

DIDN'T SEND ANY EVACUATION ORDERS,

AND ESCAPED FROM THE BOAT ALONE.

ONE DAY, AT THE MEDITER-RANEAN SEA, OFF THE COAST OF ITALY,

THE CRUISE SHIP, COSTA CONCORDIA, WAS CAPSIZED, AND OVER 30 PEOPLE DIED. BUT DURING SUCH AN EMERGENCY, THE CAPTAIN, FRANCESCO SCHETTINO..

BUT, IT'S ALSO AN EXPECTATION OF THE SELF THAT YOU'VE NEVER MET.

OR "I WANT TO DO IT THIS WAY."

"IF I WAS HIM, I'D DO IT THIS WAY"

AT A TIME LIKE THAT, PEOPLE WILL THINK,

LOTS OF PEOPLE BLAMED HIM: "EVEN IF YOU HAD TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAVED THE PASSENGERS' LIVES."

... ANY-ONE MAY BECOME ANOTHER SCHETTINO

SUCH A THING MAY NEVER HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KNOW WHAT ACTION YOU WILL TAKE, WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR BAD, WHEN THE THING REALLY HAPPENS TO YOU.

EVEN IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT THAT WAY.

THE REASON I CALLED OOFUNA HERE...

...

IS THAT AN EXCUSE?

ACCEPT DYING IN VAIN AND LETTING THE BOAT LEAVE THE PORT. "THE CORRUPTION ENDS UP BEING BURIED IN THE DARKNESS"... FOR MY FAITH, I BET ON THE ONLY CHANCE, OOFUNA.

I JUST CAN'T...

IS NOT BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF DEATH.

I'VE EXPERIENCED IT NUMEROUS TIMES.

BOTH OOFUNA AND I,

BUT... HOW CAN YOU INVOLVE OOFUNA-SAN INTO THIS JUST FOR YOUR CAPRICIOUS FAITH...?

ALTHOUGH OUR BELIEFS AREN'T THE SAME, WE BET OUR LIVES ON THE SAME GOAL.

OOFUNA, ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN BECOME THE SELVES WE EXPECT...

AND I,

OH?

KUKU.

THIS GUY... HASN'T DIED YET.

HE JUST HASN'T REALIZED... THAT HE'S ALREADY DEAD...

KUKU... I HAVE NO TIME TO FOOL AROUND

I'VE REDIS-COVERED WHO I AM AND WHERE I STAND.

DEATH ...IS NO BIG DEAL.

MISS IT.

I WON'T LOSE AND DIE.

I WON'T LOSE.

ALRIGHT, WHERE ARE THE SHIPS?

HASN'T... REALIZED THAT HE S ALREADY DEAD..... TSK.....

ARE THEY AROUND HERE?

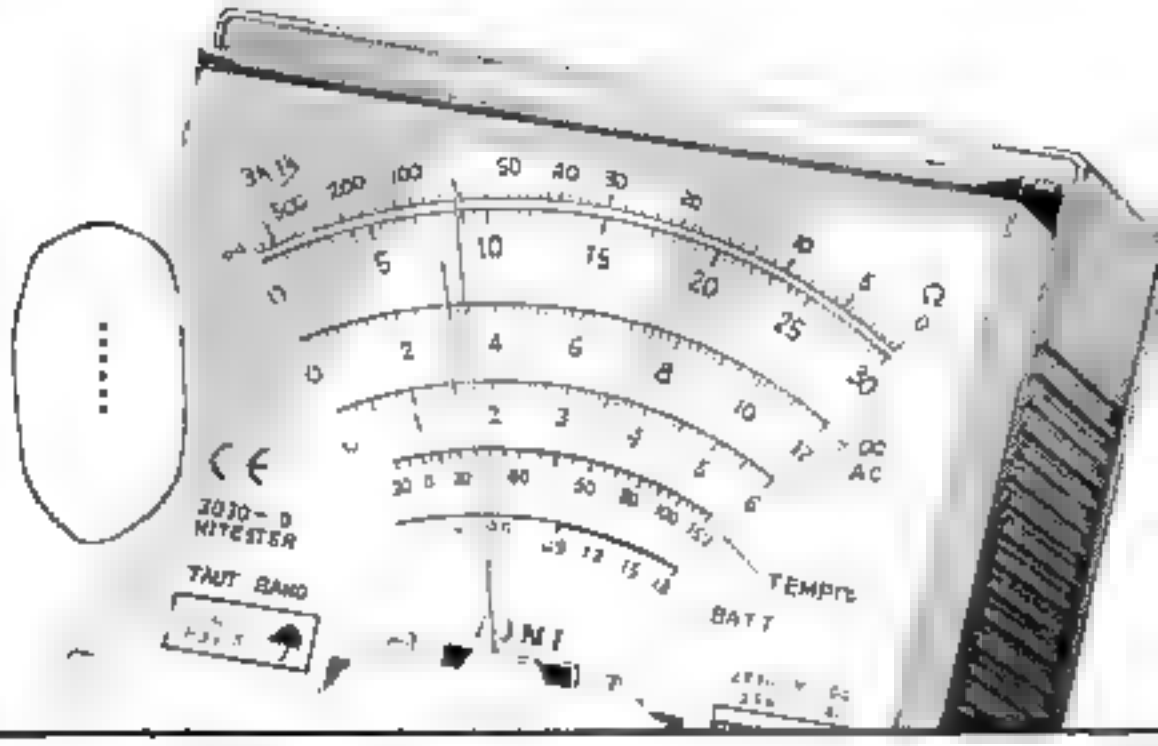
OR HERE?

YOU ONLY HAVE 3 SHIPS LEFT.

LET ME END THIS QUICKLY.

THERE'S A REACTION...

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YOU SAID THAT JUST NOW, BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS IT? DID YOU COME UP WITH SOMETHING?

HUH?

KAJI!! DO WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO!

IT'S HERE.

I ONCE INTERVIEWED AN EXPERT ON KOTODAMA, I CAN SHARE MY BIZARRE EXPERIENCE WITH YOU NEXT TIME!

WORDS HAVE SOULS!! IT'S CALLED KOTO-DAMA!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? BESIDES, EVEN IF WE SHOUT, OOFUNA-SAN CAN'T HEAR...

GIGGLE

OH, YOU MEANT THAT METHOD..

YOKOI-SAN

"MISS IT!!"

YELL LOUD-LY,

MISS IT!

MISS IT!

...YO-

THIS MAN... IS REALLY COOL, BUT HE'S ALSO...

KINDA DUMB...

MISS IT!

MISS IT!

MISS IT!

TOUCH

I WIN!
OOFUNA...!
WIN THIS
MATCH
EVEN IF
YOU
HAVE
TO DIE!

MISS IT!!

MISS IT!!

SPLASH

!

...

TSK.

A CHANCE TO LOSE AND DIE AFTER YOU TASTE DESPAIR.

I GAVE YOU A CHANCE.

.....FINE, KUKUKU... OOFUNA KUN, IT'S A CHANCE.

YOKOI-SAN...

MISS

THERE ARE OTHER REASONS OTHER THAN BEING AHEAD IN THE GAME...

LACY DIDN'T LOSE HIS COMPOSURE AFTER HE MISSED.

CAPTAIN LACY MISSED. IT'S OOFUNA-SAMA'S TURN.

OF COURSE, THE BACKSTER EFFECT IS JUST A DUMMY.

THIS HOUSE-PLANT.

AND ONE OF THE REASONS IS

A REAL ONE THAT CAN DETECT SOMETHING...

BUT, THAT RADAR IS...

CREATED THE ILLUSION OF "I'M TAKING ACTION WITH MY OWN WILL", AND MADE ME PLACE THE CONTAINERS.

THROUGH OOFUNA, OOFUNA'S HELPER

"I'M TAKING ACTION WITH MY OWN WILL."

THE ILLUSION OF

FROM THE BRIDGE,

KAJI KUN,

DON'T WORRY THEY'RE JUST WATCHING US. THEY WILL NOT OBSTRUCT US BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT THE CREW

THOSE WOMEN ARE FOLLOWING US

ESCAPING .....

IN THIS MATCH,

THERE'S A WAY TO NOT LOSE.

WERE BOTH DONE

BY THEIR OWN WILLS.

AND LEAD?

WATCH —

BUT, THERE ARE TOO MANY CREW MEMBERS AT THE EXIT SEEMS LIKE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I WANT TO LEAVE THIS BOAT FOR A MOMENT

WHAT IS THIS...?

AND REACHING THIS PLACE, THIS SITU-ATION,

AS LONG AS THEY STILL THINK LIKE THAT,

THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR THEM TO NOTICE THIS TRICK...

FOR-EVER.

DURING THE NATURAL DEVELOP-MENT...

AND WAITED MOUTH FULLY OPEN FOR A CHANCE

THEY UNBOUND THEIR OWN HEART NATURALLY.

CHAPTER-297
A STRAIGHT BALL OF MADNESS

TOWARDS THE TRAP THAT WOULD KILL THEM.

A CHANCE TO JUMP WITH THEIR OWN FEET

IN THEIR HEAD.

WHILE HOLDING THE TICKET NAMED "OOFUNA'S SHIP PLACEMENT"

AND,

EVERYTHING UP UNTIL THEY ARRIVED AT THAT PLACE,

EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THAT PLACE, WERE ALL A SCHEME TO LEAD UP TO THE CURRENT SITUATION.

IT WAS MOST LIKELY READING

IT WAS NEVER THE REACTIONS OF THE PLANT THAT THE RADAR HAD BEEN ABLE TO READ.

THAT HAD BEEN CAPTURED.

THE PREY

THAN SIMPLE TORTURE WHICH MAY CAUSE THE PREY TO LIE.

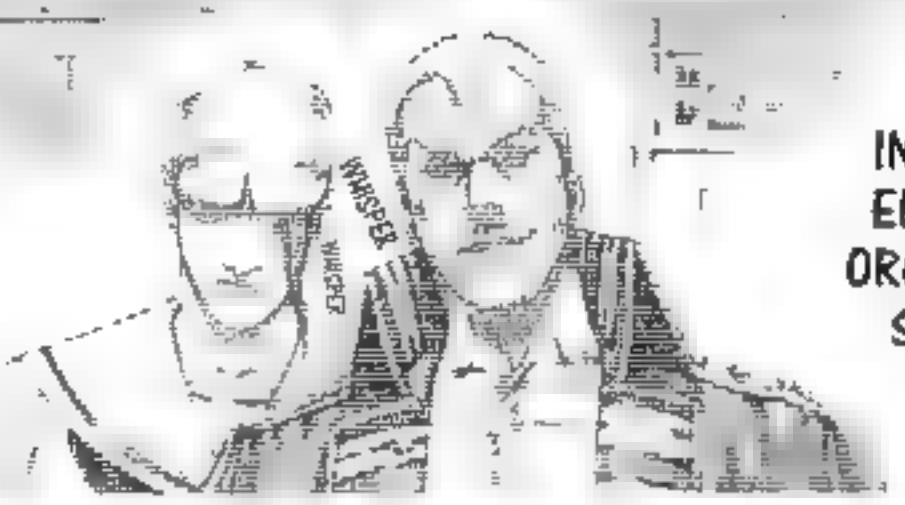
A WAY MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET INFORMATION

THAT'S QUITE A GREAT STRATEGY.

WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THEY ARE CURRENTLY LEAKING THE INFO THAT WILL KILL THEM.

THEY THINK THEY ARE WATCHING THE MONITOR BY THEIR OWN WILL RIGHT NOW

EVERYTHING HAD TO BE PLANNED FROM THAT TIME BEFORE THE MATCH EVEN BEGAN.



ALSO, IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZE THIS STRATEGY,

OOFUNA GAKUHITO... IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO WIN...

YOUR ENEMY IS AS SCHEMING AND CUNNING AS YOUR OWN FRIEND. HE IS NOT SOMEONE THAT YOU CAN WIN AGAINST WITHOUT A PROPER STRATEGY.

SPLASH

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PRE-
PARE

YOUR-
SELF.

YOU FINALLY GOT THE RIGHT TO SHOOT!

AND YOU JUST LOST IT SO EASI-LY!

CAN YOU AT LEAST HIT ONCE?

MISS

.....

YOU WILL START TO BE DES-TROYED...

BECAUSE... I WILL BE SINKING ALL YOUR SHIPS.

YOU BETTER CHOOSE THE CELLS CAREFULLY.

.....

WHAT?

NEXT TIME I GET THE RIGHT TO SHOOT..... AT THAT TIME,

MAKES ME SO SCARED~

CLACK CLACK CLACK CLACK CLACK CLACK

.....

HA...

SO SCARY... TO THINK THAT I'LL GET AN ERECTION WHEN I'M RECALLING THAT LOOK OF YOURS AND CUTTING YOUR THROAT.

WHAT A SCARY THING TO SAY...

HA...

C-

BOMB

THE 10TH ROUND.

RIGHT HERE.

LISTEN,

OOFUNA-KUN,

OUT OF ALL YOUR 3 REMAINING SHIPS, I HIT A DESTROYER. I'LL END THIS WITHOUT GIVING YOU ONE MORE CHANCE.

...?

HIT

A DES TROYER IS HIT

D

HIT THIS CELL... FOR SURE.

AT MY NEXT TURN, I'LL

CAN BECOME QUITE A COMPLEX MIND GAME JUST BY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "I'LL DEFINITELY DO ROCK!".

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.

EVEN A SIMPLE GAME LIKE ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

..DID YOU FINALLY LOSE YOUR MIND?

BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF YOU SAYING THAT?

IF YOU WANNA PRESS IT, DO SO, THERE IS NO SHIP THERE.

IT'S A BIT LATE FOR THIS, BUT

FROM NOW ON, I'LL FIGHT AGAINST YOU WITH ALL MY MIGHT AND WILL,

.....

IT'S LIKE I WAS NOT THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE MATCH.

UNTIL NOW, I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN IN A STABLE MINDSET.

KUKU...

MY OWN FIGHT.

THIS IS

AND WIN...

THE ONLY CHANCE TO TURN THE TABLES IS BASED ON STILL HAVING SUBMARINES, AND THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE ANYMORE!!

WHA- WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING THAT!? DID I SAY ANYTHING WRONG?

WHAT?

YOU THINK THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!?

HAHA...

HA...

WHAT IS HE SAYING... SO STUPID.

I SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE ACCEPTED THAT REQUEST FROM KARL-SAN... WHY DO I HAVE TO FACE SUCH...

WHY... LIKE THIS... I CAN'T ACCEPT IT...

WE'RE DOOMED

WE ARE NOW DOOMED COMP-LETELY!

ALRIGHT, WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE CELLS OF THE DESTROYER ..?

COME TO THINK OF IT, DURING THE TOWER HIJACKING, THE STRANGE BANDAGED MAN THAT WAS REBROADCASTING THE SITUATION LIVE, SAID HIS NAME WAS KARL BELMONT... DON'T TELL ME...

.....KARL? RIGHT NOW, YOU SAID KARL, DIDN'T YOU? IS THAT THE NAME OF THE INFORMANT WHO GAVE YOU THE USB?

I WAS THE ONE WHO THOUGHT UP THE SCHEMES OF THE KY DECLARATION AND THE TOWER INCIDENT.

YOU'RE RIGHT... THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING IT ANYMORE...

MY FATHER DIED, LEAVING ME ALONE WITH MY MOTHER ...

WHEN I WAS YOUNG.

TELL ME ABOUT KARL!

WHO CARES!

STOP SAYING BULLSHIT! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, KARL IS MORE IMPORTANT!

KU...
I THOUGHT
THIS WOULD
BE A HIT...

D

.....

SPLASH

MISS

I'LL HIT THIS CELL ABOVE THE DIAGONAL LINE... FROM THERE, IT WILL BE MY COMEBACK.

YOUR END WILL COME WITH MY NEXT TURN.

THINGS ARE NOT GOING SMOOTHLY FOR YOU?

NEXT TIME...

YOU TOO, YOU SPEAK A LOT FOR SOMEONE WHO MISSED AS WELL... WHAT'S WRONG?

AND,

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE ENDING ME WITH THIS TURN?

YOU DID NOT BELIEVE MY WORDS, HUH...?

KUKU.

I THINK I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NO SHIP THERE.

THESE ARE THE EYES OF SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES HIS OWN VICTORY...

WHAT HE SAID WASN'T PRETENDING NOR THREATENING... NOR ABANDONING.

THIS MAN... IS STILL TRYING TO WIN FOR REAL...

THAT CELL... IS A BIT DANGEROUS~

HIS EYES HAVE NOT DIED YET...

AN UNRESOLVED QUESTION

HAS BEEN HAVING

THE CAPTAIN

IN OTHER WORDS, HE STILL HAS A "LAST HOPE" ...

I CAN UNVEIL THE LAST CELL OF THE DESTROYER AT ONCE, BUT...

BY USING THE VOLLEY OF FIRE,

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT I CAN SINK ANOTHER SHIP AFTER SINKING THIS DESTROYER.

IT IS NOT A CONSECUTIVE SINKING...

HE MIGHT ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED SOME STRATEGY... THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING... I CAN'T DROP MY GUARD.

HAS BECOME CLEAR TO EVERYONE. THEN WHY...

SINCE THE PRESENCE OF HIS HELPER

ISN'T HE PRESSING HIM TO KNOW THE POSITIONS OF THE SHIPS...?

AFTER ALL, THERE IS NO NEED TO HIDE IT ANYMORE

BOMB

I CANNOT ALLOW MYSELF TO BE DRIVEN BY HIS PACE.

USE A SINGLE SHOT!

THEN, FOR THE REMAINING TWO SHIPS,

YES!

THE DESTROYER SANK.

HIT

AS OF NOW, I CAN'T BE SURE EXACTLY WHICH CELL IS CORRECT, BUT,

IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE!!

THE REACTION HASN'T BEEN WRONG IN DETERMINING THE GENERAL AREA TO TARGET.

THE VOLLEY OF FIRE!

AND NOW.

2 SHOTS HIT AND SANK A DESTROYER.

ONE MORE VOLLEY OF FIRE HAS BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH CONSECUTIVE SINKING.

OUT OF THE 5 SHOTS,

ONE CRUISER.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS

NO, IT SHOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY IT IS NOT MOVING MUCH IN EACH AREA.

THE REACTION IS WEAK...

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IS NOW OVER.

THIS FIGHT

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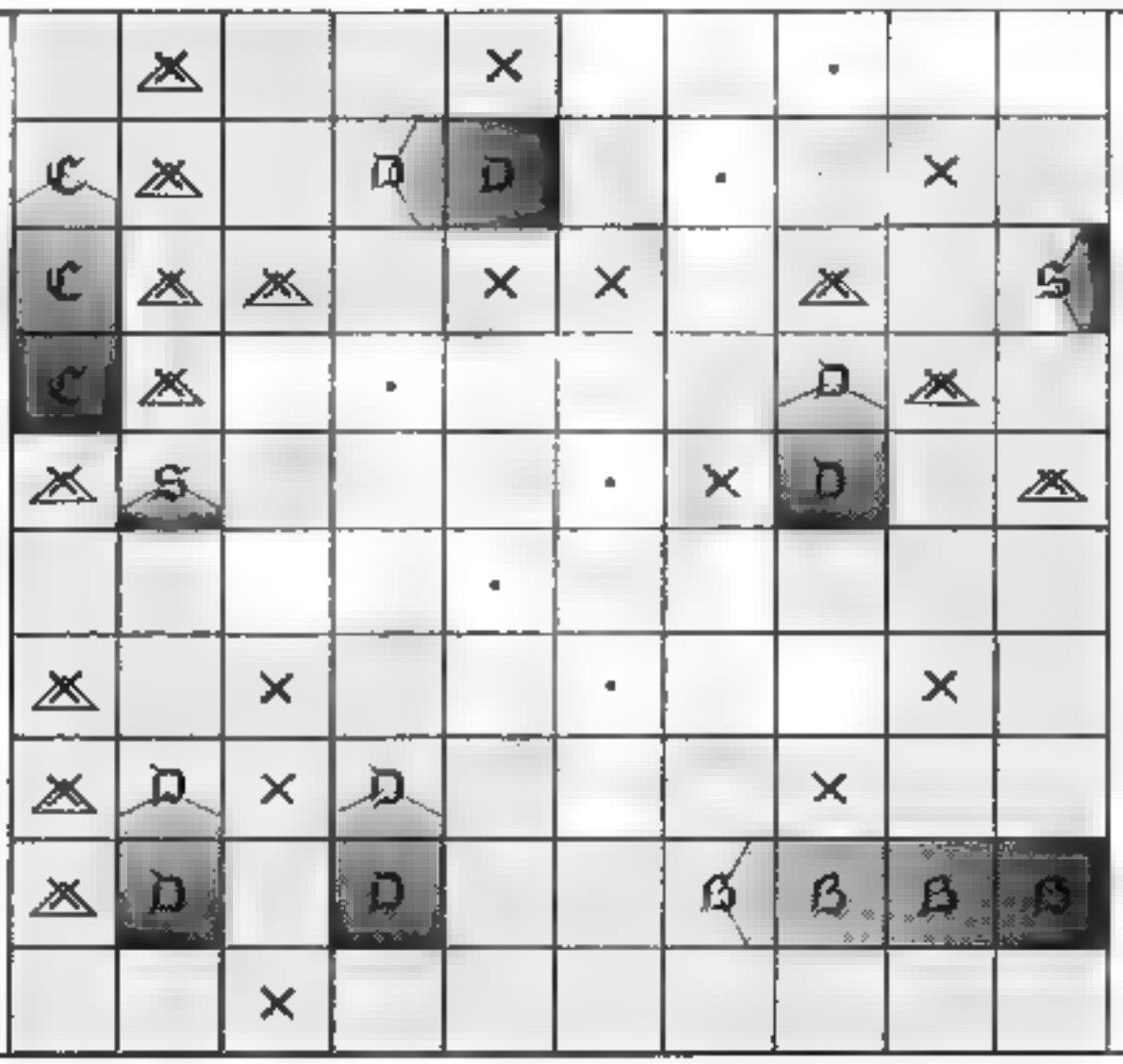
AT THAT SIZE,

THE REMAINING SHIP IS NOT A SMALL SUBMARINE, BUT A CRUISER.

WELL, AT THIS POINT, THIS SHOULD NOT BE A BIG ISSUE.

I'LL DEFINITELY HIT IT IF I SHOOT THESE 6 CELLS ONE BY ONE.

MY WIN IS DEFINITE IF I MANAGE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE VOLLEY OF FIRE.



THE CELLS IT CAN BE HIDDEN IN ARE QUITE LIMITED.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT OOFUNA AVOIDED ALLOCATING THE SHIPS NEXT TO EACH OTHER,

AWAITING INFORMATION THAT WILL NOT COME,

SUCH A PATHETIC MAN...



IT SEEMS THE ONLY ROAD TO VICTORY HE HAD WAS...

THIS TRUTH WILL NOT BE SHAKEN REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER OOFUNA MAY BE PLANNING.

NEW INFORMATION OF MY SHIP PLACEMENT FROM HIS ALLY.

FILLED IN ONE OF THE 6 CELLS.

SPLASH

IN THE 11TH ROUND. LACY...

?

AND THEN -

MISS

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PLASH

NEXT TIME.

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YOU ALSO TARGETED THE PLACE WHEN I SAID "IT IS DANGEROUS".

YOU TARGETED THE PLACE WHEN I SAID "THERE IS NO SHIP".

IS THAT YOUR STRATEGY? DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO WIN THIS GAME?

WHY ISN'T HE STRUGGLING?

NOW I'M CONFUSED. IF HE'S STILL PLANNING TO WIN FOR REAL,

IT WILL BE OVER BY THE NEXT TURN!

WHAT IS HE PLANNING?

WHY ISN'T HE GRABBING HIS PHONE TIGHTLY AND STRUGGLING DESPERATELY?

HOW-EVER,

BEEP

BEEP

I

HAVE MY OWN OBJECTIVE.

!

IDIOT!

EVEN THROW AWAY MY OWN LIFE.

TO AVOID THE LEAKING OF THE COUNTRY'S SECRETS, I'D DO ANYTHING.

ARE YOU WONDERING WHY I AM NOT SENDING A MESSAGE SUCH AS

"WHAT'S WRONG? WHY HAVEN'T YOU SENT ME ANY NEW INFOR-MATION?"

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME WITH THOSE CONFUSED EYES?

TO ASK FOR THE LOCATION OF YOUR SHIPS?

BET MY LIFE ON MY OWN PRINCIPLES.

ONLY I CAN

HAVING SOMEONE, WHO DOESN'T SHARE MY OBJECTIVE OR BELIEFS, BECOME A SACRIFICE FOR MY CAUSE, WILL GO AGAINST MY FAITH.

ALTHOUGH I'VE ALREADY SAID THIS,

THIS IS MY OWN FIGHT.

I'M SORRY, HACHINA.

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH... JUST LEAVE BY YOURSELF...

I'LL

DEFI-
NITELY
WIN.

NO, THIS IS JUST A BLUFF... HE CAN'T... WHAT IS HE PLANNING...?

DID HE LOSE HIS MIND?! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM...? THE MATCH IS CLOSE TO THE END... AND HE WANTS TO USE HIS OWN POWER, WITHOUT ANY PLAN OR STRATEGY... TO WIN THIS MATCH?

NEXT, I'LL...

AND LEAD ME TO VICTORY.

I BELIEVE THAT "MY JUSTICE" WILL SAVE PEOPLE,

HIT HERE!

TAKE CARE TO NOT GIVE ME THE NEXT TURN WITH YOUR NEXT SHOT.

FROM THERE, IT WILL BE MY COMEBACK.

WHAT? ARE YOU NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING?

I'LL DEFINITELY HIT THAT CELL.

THIS GUY

IS PERTURBED ...!

GULP

THAT OOFUNA FELT IT.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THIS GAME

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HU... KA... HAHA...

CHAPTER 298

THE UNSEEN CHILD

THAT MAN, KAJI...

FROM THE TIME WE IMPRISONED THEM IN THE CABIN, NEVER LETTING HIS GUARD DOWN,

THE SENSOR HANDCUFFS WE USE FOR JEWELLERS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOCKER ROOM.

HE THOROUGHLY CHECKED HIS SURROUND-INGS...

INCLUDING THE LAPTOP CONNECTED TO THE BRIDGE'S CAMERA...

TELL THE CREW TO GUARD THE *GANGWAY LADDER, AND THE PATHS TO AREAS OTHER THAN THAT CABIN.

AND THEN THESE GUYS WILL GO THERE BY THEM-SELVES...

WITHOUT SELF-AWARENESS...

THEY WILL DIE...

WITHOUT ANY SELF-AWARENESS —

*IT'S THE FLIGHT OF STAIRS ON THE SIDE OF A SHIP, USED FOR EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING.

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THE UNSEEN CHILD

KU...

THAT... IS...

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HE WAS HIT BY OOFUNA'S MADNESS, RESULTING IN HIM BEING SHAKEN BY OOFUNA'S ATTACK DECLARATION...

IT MUST BE DIFFICULT FOR LACY, WHO IS SO USED TO PLAYING THIS GAME, TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC OF OOFUNA'S ACTIONS.

INDEED,

IS LIKE

SEEING THE MADNESS OF THAT PERSON...

SEEING A PERSON'S DECISIVE-NESS...

WITH YOUR OWN STRENGTH.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU GOT INFORMATION FROM LACY

ONE OF LACY'S SHIPS IS HIDDEN THERE...

HE KEPT... STIMULATING ME... HIS WORDS... HIS EVERYTHING...

ALL GOT ME SO FULL OF WRATH...

HE READ THE POSITION OF MY SHIP...

THIS MAN... UNFORGI-VABLE...!

IT'S NOT BECAUSE...

5 CELLS LEFT UNTIL I CAN REACH THE CRUISER'S LOCATION...

EVEN IF HE HAS READ THE POSITION OF ONE SHIP, THIS IS STILL MY TURN...

5 CELLS LEFT...

AND ALL THE REMAINING 4 CELLS WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE.

THE TOP RIGHT AREA WILL FULLY DISAPPEAR.

IF I DESTROY THIS CELL,

STARTING FROM THE TOP RIGHT.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND...

MISS

WHAT THAT MEANS?

ALL 4 CELLS, TOGETHER.

SLPASH

BOMB

HIT

12TH ROUND, OOFUNA.

IT'S NOT A SUBMARINE... IT'S A BATTLESHIP...

A BATTLE-SHIP...

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IS IT HORIZON TAL

B

OR VERTI-CAL...?

WHICH ONE...!

IT ALL STARTS FROM HERE.

ALRIGHT,

WILL THIS BE THE FUSE FOR YOUR COMEBACK...? OR WILL IT END AS A TINY SPARK?

BATTLE-SHIP,

B

THE POSITION OF THIS

ONCE YOU MISS,

YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

DESTROY THE WHOLE CENTER WITH MY VOLLEY OF FIRE.

AND I WILL HIT YOUR CRUISER AT LEAST ONCE.

HAVING ALL THE CELLS IN THE CENTER MAKES IT MORE EASY TO SINK.

I WILL

AND IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR DESCENT TO HELL!

MISS IT!

LUCK.

YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE TO WIN THAN TO BET ON THIS OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE GRASPED, AND WIN...

LACY'S READ IS CORRECT... OOFUNA'S DIRE SITUATION SHALL NOT CHANGE ANYMORE.

MOREOVER, HE DESTROYED WITH HIS OWN HANDS THE ONLY WAY FOR HIM TO RECEIVE INFO FROM HIS ALLY.. HIS ONLY OPTION LEFT IS...

NO ONE HAS THE SELF-AWARENESS NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'LL BE DOING IN THE FUTURE.

NAIVETE THAT GOES BEYOND NAIVETE,

YOUR PRINCI-PLES?

YOU FANATIC.

YOU ABANDONED YOUR STRATEGY BECAUSE OF THAT?

YOU KNOW NOTHING.

OOFUNA-KUN,

1991,

DESTRUCTION OF THE USSR.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ONE-PARTY SOVEREIGN STATE LEFT A HUGE GAP TO BE FILLED IN.

THE ARMS INDUSTRY,

ENERGY,

AND MINING RESOURCES,
GROUPS OF THE UNDERGROUND
CALLING THEMSELVES BUSINESSMEN
CAME IN TO OBTAIN
THE RIGHTS TO THEM.

HEY, HEY,

HEY,

EVERYONE, PLEASE COME HERE.

WELCOME, WELCOME, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

HEH HEH HEH...

THIS MAN IS NOT A BUSINESS-MAN.

THAT WAS A BIG LIE.

AND HE NEVER HAD THE INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT IN CONSIDER ATION

OUR DISTRICT AND THIS CHURCH HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A NICE DONATION FROM HIM.

THIS PERSON WILL BE INVESTING IN THE MINES OF OUR VILLAGE AND CAME TO VISIT US.

INCLUDING STEALING,

IT'S AN INSTI-TUTION FILLED WITH CRIMES

THIS ORGANI-ZATION HAD BEEN FULLY RULED BY THE FATHER

SELLING AND TRANS-PORTING DRUGS,

AND EVEN CHILD PROSTI-TUTION.

FATHER ...

I CAN LOOK AROUND HERE WITHOUT ANY ISSUES, RIGHT?

PLEASE DO SO, DO SO

YES!!

HEH HEH HEH...

HIS OBJEC-TIVE WAS

TSK.

TO CONFIRM CERTAIN INFOR-MATION:

SPIT

THESE CHILDREN ...

CAN BE DIVIDED INTO 3 CATEGORIES ...

TO GENERATE LARGE PROFITS.

AND UTILIZING THESE CHILDREN AS TOOLS TO SLIP THROUGH THE POLICE'S AND MAFIAS' ATTENTIONS.

HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE FATHER'S ARTFUL SCHEME OF TAKING THE CHANCE IN THIS PERIOD OF CRISIS.



AND SLAVES.



MIDDLE CLASS,



ELITES,

PROVIDING CHILDREN WHO DO A GOOD JOB WITH A BED AND MEALS... AND LYING TO THEM ABOUT BEING ABLE TO MEET THEIR PARENTS SOON IF THEY WORK HARD.

HE HAS BEEN MAKING USE OF THE HEART OF PURE CHILDREN WITH DIRTY METHODS.











HE WAS A NICE BOY, WHO SHARED HIS MEALS WITH EVERYONE.

HE WAS COLD, WHEN WE WOKE UP.

IT'S POPOV... HE DIED, 3 DAYS AGO.

WHOSE PICTURE IS THIS?

...

I ALSO BROUGHT SOME FOOD DONATIONS FOR YOU.

THAT REMINDS ME,

.....

EVEN WHEN RECEIVING FOOD DONATIONS, HE KEPT SAYING THAT THE KIDS WHO ARE NOT EATING SHOULD GET PRIORITY... HE WAS A CHILD WHO GAVE EVERYONE SO MUCH ENERGY, AND WE COULD COUNT ON HIM SO MUCH...

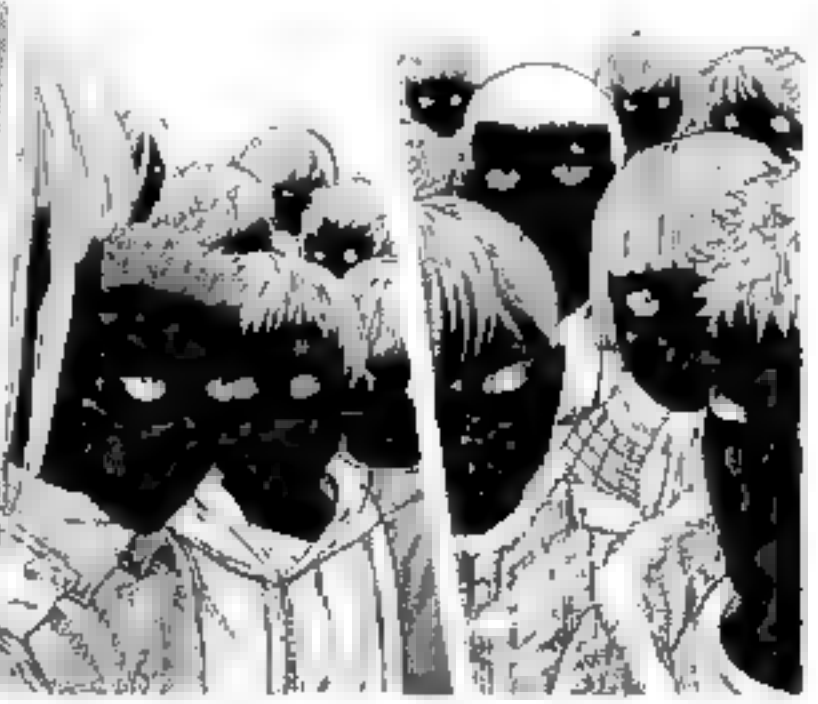
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IT'S MINE!

WAAA AAAAH!

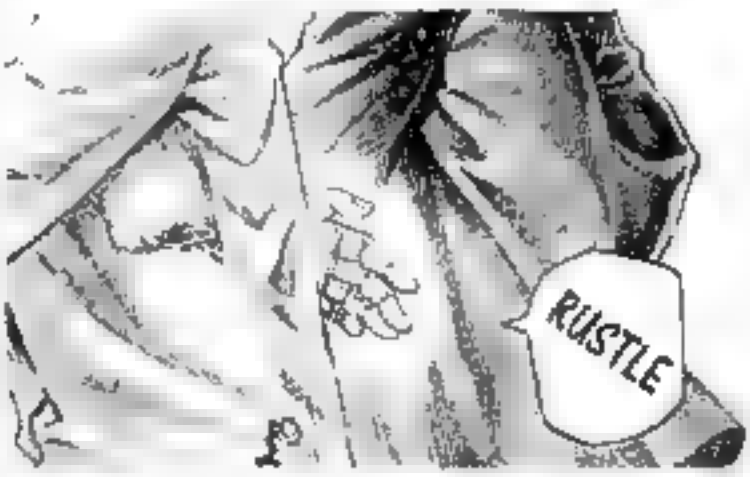
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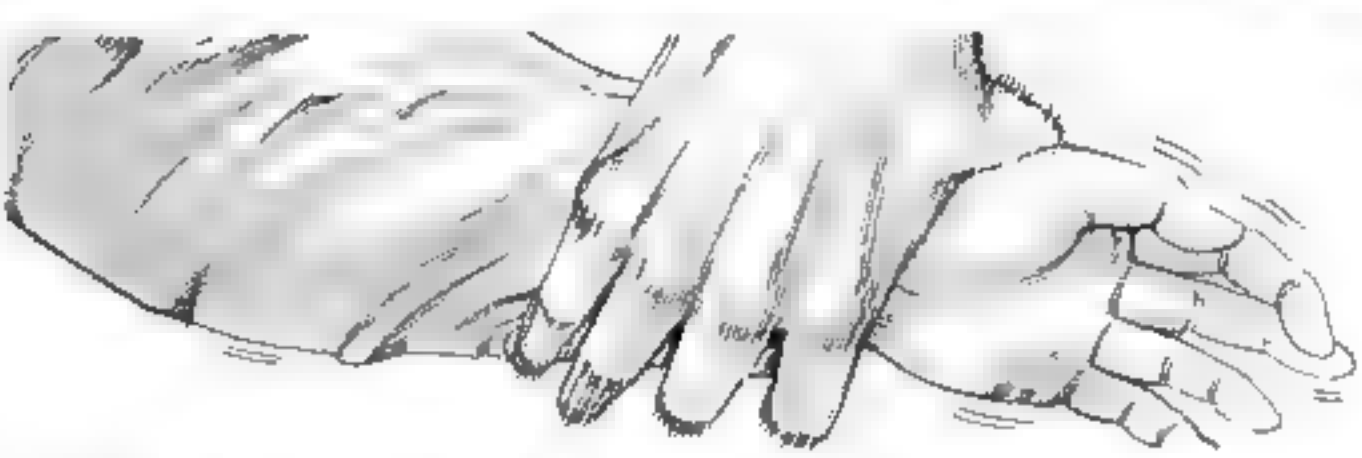




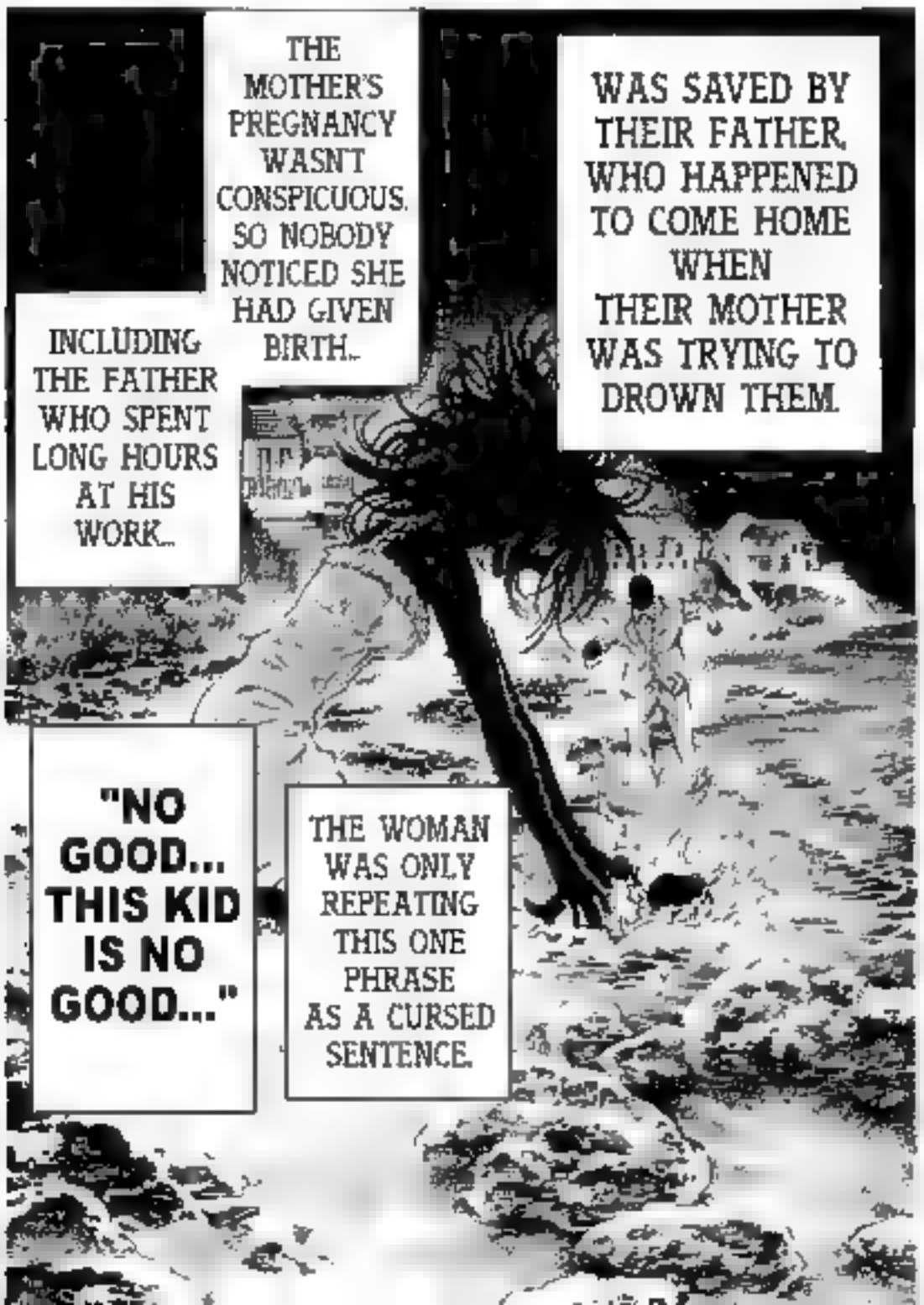

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HERSHEY'S


RUSTLE






THE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY WASN'T CONSPICUOUS. SO NOBODY NOTICED SHE HAD GIVEN BIRTH..
INCLUDING THE FATHER WHO SPENT LONG HOURS AT HIS WORK..
WAS SAVED BY THEIR FATHER, WHO HAPPENED TO COME HOME WHEN THEIR MOTHER WAS TRYING TO DROWN THEM.
"NO GOOD... THIS KID IS NO GOOD..."
THE WOMAN WAS ONLY REPEATING THIS ONE PHRASE AS A CURSED SENTENCE.




.....
THIS KID

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

YOUR HANDS ARE BEAUTI-FUL...

THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE PHYSICAL FEATURES.

I CAN SEE IT!

YOU HAVE PRETTY HANDS.

AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, YOU ARE MIDDLE CLASS, SINCE YOUR OUTFIT ISN'T BAD... I SEE...

YOU...

THE CHILDREN THOUGHT TO BE VISITING THEIR PARENTS HAVE IN FACT BEEN BOUGHT BY OTHER ORGANI-ZATIONS.

WHILE IT IS A SCHEME WE OFTEN SEE, THE SYSTEM IS HOLDING THANKS TO THE FACT THAT IT'S BEEN THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED TO THE SLIGHTEST DETAILS.

THIS CHURCH IS A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION PRETENDING TO BE AN ORPHANAGE.

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YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH ALL OF THIS, HUH?

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DIRECTING THE ORGANIZATION FROM HERE

HIDDEN INCONSPICUOUSLY IN THE MIDDLE OF OTHER CHILDREN.

WELL, EVEN SO, NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT.

BUT IN TRUTH, EVERYTHING IS RECEIVED BY YOU...

HE SHOULD BE THINKING THAT HE HAS BEEN SENDING SOME MONEY TO EITHER THE LOCAL MAFIA, OR THE POLICE, AS A BRIBE,

HEH HEH HEH.

SUCH AN IDIOTIC FATHER COULD NEVER CREATE SUCH A SYSTEM.

THEY KNEW INSTINCTIVELY, THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTROL THEIR HUNGER ANYMORE . HOWEVER, OUT OT EVERYONE PRESENT,

SINCE POPOV DIED 3 DAYS AGO,

BEFORE FIGHTING FOR THE TREATS, THE CHILDREN TOOK A LOOK AT EACH OTHER.

YOU HAVE BEEN DIRECTING THIS FAKE ORPHANAGE FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

WITHOUT ANYONE BEING AWARE OF YOU.

WE COULD THINK THIS IS BECAUSE YOU ARE ACTUALLY THE LOWEST CLASS, A SLAVE.

BUT, I THOUGHT OTHERWISE, BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ONLY OUTSIDER TO THE HIERARCHY HERE.

ONLY YOU, DID NOT LOOK AT ANYONE.

NOR WERE YOU LOOKED AT EITHER.

IN ORDER TO SEE HOW HUMANS LIVE AND DIE WITHOUT SELF-AWARENESS ...

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THE CHILD MURMURED IN A SOFT VOICE.

WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?

IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE ANYONE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO DO IT... AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, WHAT A TALENT...

THE CHILD WHO DIED 3 DAYS AGO... DON'T TELL ME... IT WAS YOU...

.....

HOW PRO-FOUND ~

SUCH A TALENT IS SO RARE TO COME ACROSS.

MARVELOUS... YOU ARE MARVELOUS.

WAS IT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT? HIS RIGHTEOUS ACTIONS.

AMA-ZING!

KU KU KU.

KU...

MAY DESPISE YOU AS AN EVIL BEING, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

PEOPLE ...

WHY DID YOU END POPOV'S LIFE?

YOU'RE NOT ONLY A WIRE-PULLER, BUT ALSO INFILTRATED YOUR LITTLE "EGO" INTO THE SYSTEM.

THE ADEQUATE WORD TO DESCRIBE SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

KILLED ?

WHAT?

PEOPLE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE

I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE MET YOU HERE TODAY.

THAT'S GOOD.

BUT,

YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL HANDS... AND,

YOUR METHODS WHICH DON'T DIRTY YOUR OWN HANDS...

YOUR NAME?

TELL THE CREW TO GUARD THE GANGWAY LADDER, AND THE PATHS TO AREAS OTHER THAN THAT CABIN,

HE THOROUGHLY CHECKED

HIS SURROUND-INGS...

BY THEM-SELVES.

AND THEN THESE GUYS WILL GO THERE

THEY WILL DIE...

WITHOUT ANY SELF-AWARENESS...

WITHOUT SELF-AWARE-NESS.

VOJA.

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MISS

THAT

I BELIEVE IT WILL APPEAR ONE DAY.

IT'S ALRIGHT.

VOJA,

A LIFE

RU_

HACHI-NA...

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N...

RU...

YOU WILL WANT TO END DIRECTLY WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

RUN,
HACHINA.

HACHI-
NA...

RUN,

RUN,
HACHINA.

ARE
YOU?

HACHI-
NA...

WHO...

CHAPTER 209

JOKER

I STILL REMEMBER ...

I COULD ASK YOU

THE SAME QUES-TION.

THAT WAS DISTORTED BY THE SEAWATER...

WAS A WOMAN'S FACE...

THE FIRST THING I SAW...

I WAS ACKNOW-LEDGED AS A USELESS EXIST-ENCE...

THAT'S WHAT I AM.

THAT ONCE I WAS BORN.

THOSE EYES MADE ME SEE

HER EYES WERE VERY BEAUTI-FUL.

WHY?

IS IT BECAUSE ...

IM UGLY?

IS IT BECAUSE I'M OMINOUS ...?

.....A WOMAN!?

!!

AT "THAT TIME", INCLUDING ME, NO ONE KNEW ABOUT IT.

YOU MANIPULATED THE CONTAINERS' PLACEMENTS THROUGH THAT REFEREE.

THAT REFEREE'S PERSONALITY.

YOU ALREADY KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT EVEN IF YOU TOLD ME TO TAKE THE DIAMONDS AND DISEMBARK FROM THE BOAT,

YOU ALREADY KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU HAVE SELF-AWARENESS.

AS IF YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE.

AND YOU ALREADY KNEW

I WOULD NOT DO IT.

THAT KIDOU WOULD BETRAY YOU.

I HAVE AN ILLUSION OF BEING SOMETHING SPECIAL.

EXTREME JOY

OR EXTREME PAIN... AT THAT TIME...

YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME... WHEN I GIVE THOSE WHO HAVE NO SELF-AWARENESS

HAVING SELF-AWARENESS...

ムニョ

YOU'RE THE SAME, RIGHT?

AND AFTER SHE SAW GAKUTO'S ORDER IN SINKING THE SHIPS...

SHE PREDICTED MY ROUTE FOR CHECKING THE CONTAINERS.

SHE NOTICED THAT THE TRICK WAS RELATED TO THESE CON-TAINERS.

MOVE IT TO THE DOOR...

I BELIEVE THERE IS CEMENT AMONG THEM.

I SEE... AT THAT TIME...

FOR HER TO PREDICT THAT I HAD GOTTEN THE KNIVES AND THE GEL...

SO IT WAS POSSI-BLE

SOME ITEMS THAT CAN BE USED IN CLOSE COMBAT OR TO DEAL WITH MULTIPLE OPPONENTS ALONE.

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT I HAD STOLEN SOMETHING FROM THE CONTAINERS I HAD CHECKED.

BANG

...

CAN YOU PREDICT THE FUTURE?

BANG

I KNOW. DO AS I TOLD YOU.

COUGH

COUGH

THE... THE 4 OF THEM HAVE PASSED OUT.

HURRY UP AND SAVE THEM

HOW FAR

HACHI-NA,

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AH...

GU...



GYA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA

GYAHA

GU!

KYAHA!

DG

CLENCH

MY FOOT... IT'S FINE.

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COUGH

COUGH

...

THEN HE CAN'T RUN AWAY... EVEN IF HE CAN, HE SHOULD KNOW THAT IT WON'T MAKE THINGS BETTER.

JUST STAY THERE.

BUT IF WE PUSH HIM TOO HARD, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT... IF HE STARTS MESSING AROUND THERE,

VOJA.. I JUST NEED TO STOP HIM FROM ESCAPING THROUGH THE WING, RIGHT?

COUGH

YOU'RE RIGHT, SEEMS LIKE HE CAN'T MOVE FAST RIGHT NOW!

IT'LL BE ANNOY-ING.

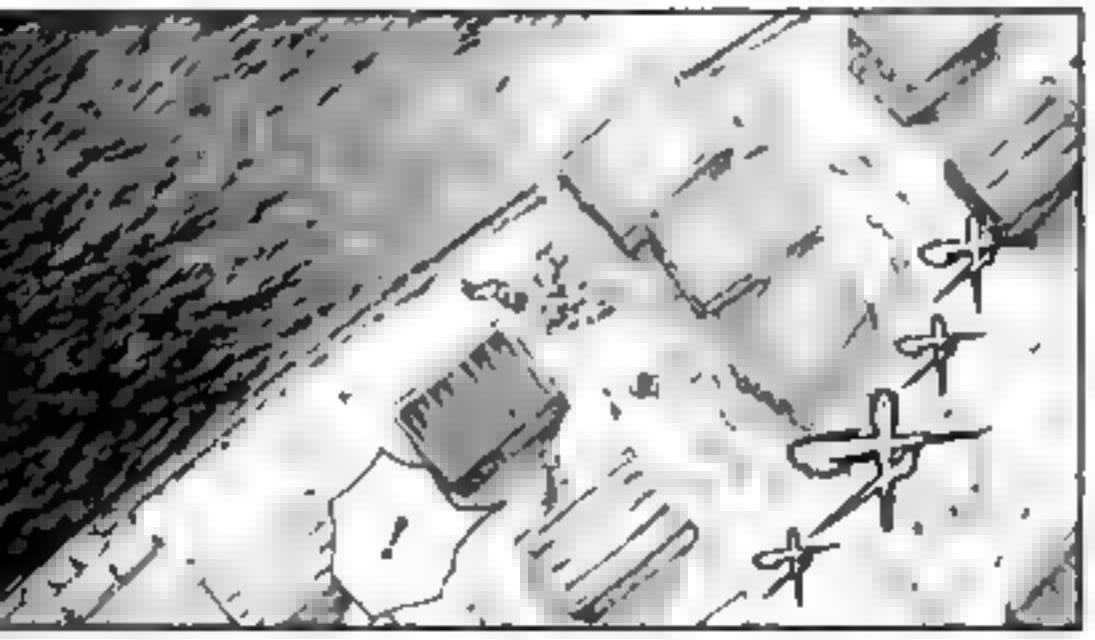
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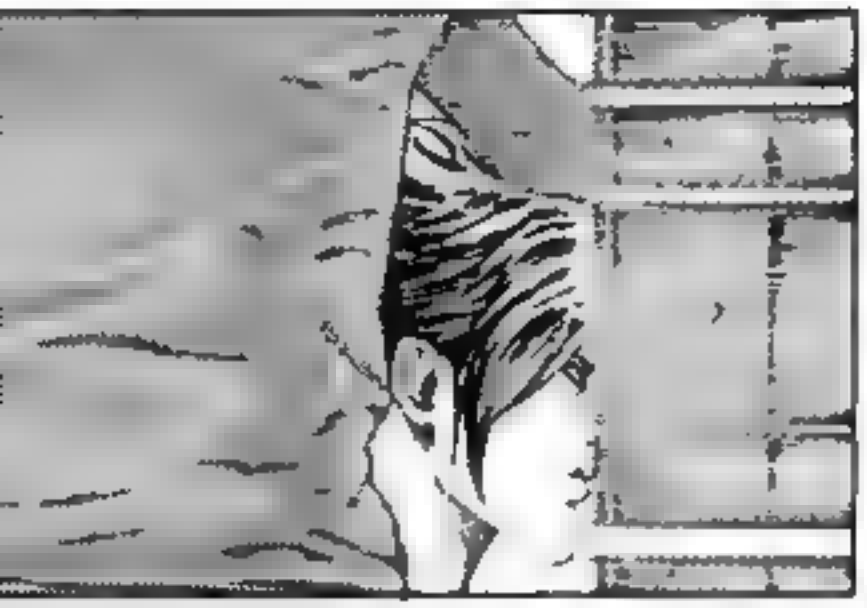
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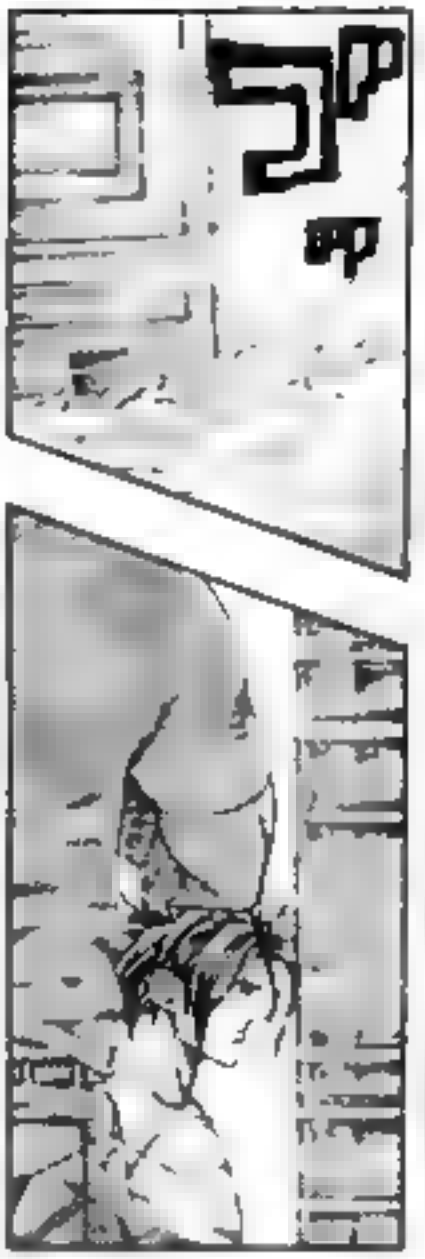
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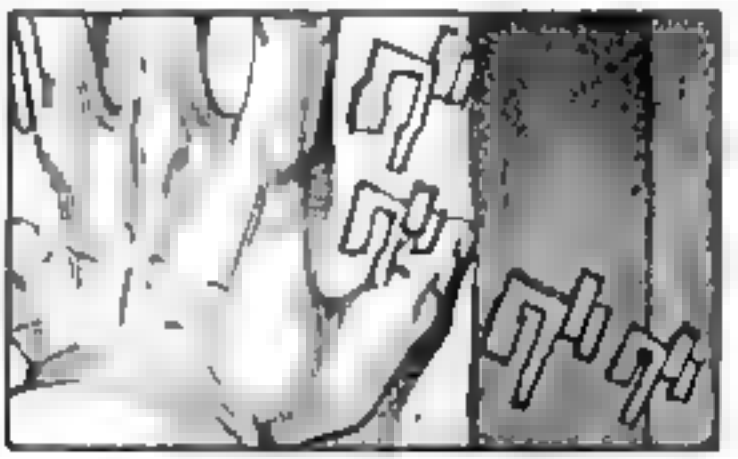







GOOD JOB, VOJA... HURRY UP AND CARRY THEM AWAY... LEAVE THIS PLACE TO ME.
NOW... AS LONG AS I'M HERE, HE CAN'T ESCAPE.


POP



HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT THAT, FOR HIM,

THE JOKER

I WON'T GET CLOSE TO YOU.

BECAUSE EVEN IF I DON'T, I CAN EASILY KILL YOU...

WOULD BE DRAWN

AT SUCH A MOMENT.

BUT THE EFFECTS OF THE JOKER

NOT AS GOOD AS "THAT PERSON" THOUGH.

.....BY THE WAY, THIS MAN

IS PRETTY GOOD...

WILL BE DIFFER-ENT

IN DIFFERENT GAMES.

BECOME YOUR GODDESS?

WILL THE JOKER

OR WILL IT BECOME

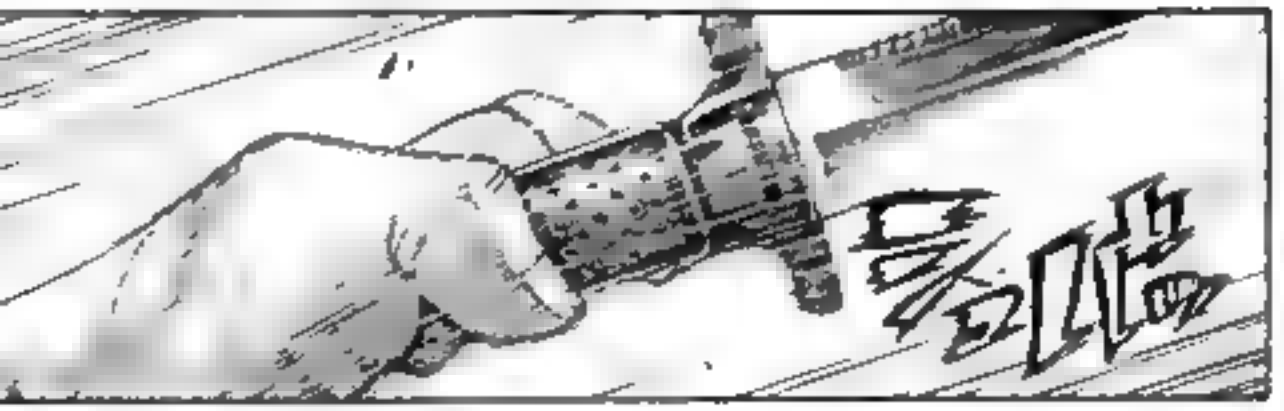
WELD-ERS!!...

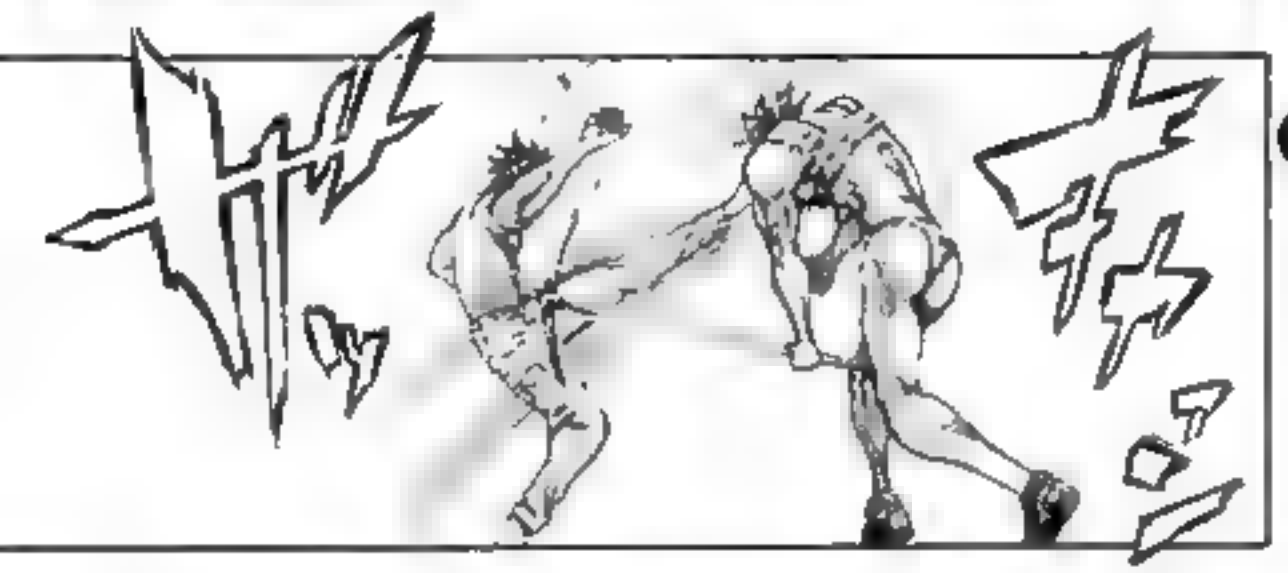
FIGURE IT OUT

BEFORE YOU GIVE UP.

KU!

DEATH WHO PUSHES YOU INTO THE CORNER?


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CHAPTER 300
BLOODY FETUS



WHY DID HE CATCH THE FIRST WELDER INSTEAD OF DODGING IT?

THIS IS THE ONLY MOMENT

WHERE HE CAN MAKE HIS LAST STRUGGLE.

THIS MOMENT!!

ONTO THE WELDER.

I THINK AT THAT TIME,

HE HOOKED THE WIRE

IT'S THE WIRE THAT WAS HOOKED ONTO THE ANTI TRACTION GEL DEVICE.

THE WIRE

HE TOOK BACK AT THAT TIME.

BOTH WELDERS WERE DROPPED FROM THE BOAT

BUT,

NOW THE WIRE CAN'T BE USED AS A LIFELINE.

ALRIGHT, TRY TO SNEAK ON ME AND ATTACK.

HOW EVER.

AT THAT MOMENT..

I DON'T SEE THE WIRE.

BUT I KNOW IT...

AND SINK ME.

HE CAN ONLY HOOK IT ONTO ME

THAT MOMENT

GRAB

IS HE...

TRYING TO USE THAT WIRE..

TO ESCAPE!?

HE STILL HAS THE KNIFE, I HAVE TO AVOID DYING FROM A SUICIDAL ATTACK.

RIGHT NOW,

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GET CLOSE TO HIM.

THE SLUDGE IS FLOATING

LET'S DO THIS, I CAN STILL...

VERY WELL.

HE WANTS TO CHALLENGE ME ON WHO CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH LONGER EVEN WHEN HE HAS AN INJURY ON HIS LEG?

HE ESCAPED..? NO, I DIDN'T MISS HIM.

HE DIDN'T COME OUT

...

FOR 4 MINUTES.

HOLD MY BREATH

HE'S... STIRRING THE SLUDGE DOWN THERE...

THE SLUDGE ISN'T SUBSID-ING

BUT INCREAS-ING.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

CLACK

BUBBLE

PHEW——

PHEW——

BESIDES, THE CHANCE OF LOADING FLAMMABLE EQUIPMENT ON BOARD IS VERY LOW.

PHEW——

IF THIS WELDER IS THE TYPE THAT HAS ITS ENGINE INSIDE OF IT,

ITS FUEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT BEFORE LOADING IT INTO THE CONTAINER

PHEW——

PHEW——

SO THE FUEL TANK SHOULD BE EMPTY, WHICH MEANS THERE SHOULD BE AIR LEFT IN THERE.

THIS GUY...

CAN HOLD HIS BREATH LONGER THAN ME.. !?

THIS IS BAD...

I SHOULD

I CAN'T HOLD IT ANY-MORE.

MORE IMPORTANTLY. I CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN ANYMORE IN THIS DIRTY OCEAN.

CRAP...!

AH—

AAH

AAA AAH

CLACK

AAA AAH

AAH

AH...

JUST LIKE THE EYES...

AH... THEY ARE THE SAME.

.....

EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE SAME EYES.....

AFTER SEEING ME,

THAT DIDN'T NEED ME. DEATH...

THIS GUY...

EXCEPT... FOR THOSE TWO...

IS DIFFER ENT .. FROM ME..

SELF-AWARE-NESS...

I HAVE

WE DO THE SAME THINGS... WE ARE THE SAME KIND...

SO DAZZLING.

BUT

I...

HE'S DAZZLING.

I AM DARK...

SO DARK...

BUT

I WAS BORN

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE.

NO ONE CAN RESIST IT,

THE 12TH ROUND, OOFUNA ...

YOUR LIFE WILL BE EASILY DESTROYED, OOFUNA-KUN.

EVERYONE IS THE SAME, NONE OF US CAN SEE THE FUTURE.

EXCELLENT ABILITY TO PREDICT,

A STRONG BODY,

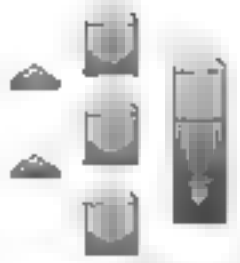
POWER FUL BELIEFS,

ALL OF THEM WILL BE DESTROYED BY SOMETHING SHOWING UP RANDOMLY.

WHETHER YOU HAVE SELF-AWARENESS OR NOT,

LACY STILL HAS

1 BATTLESHIP
3 DESTROYERS,
2 SUBMARINES.



AND 1 CRUISER PRESERVED BY OOFUNA.

DIDN'T HIT THE BATTLE-SHIP.

THE 13TH ROUND, CAPTAIN LACY

USED A VOLLEY OF FIRE.

THESE 5 CELLS.

THERE'S ONLY 1 SHIP LEFT.

SHOOT A VOLLEY OF FIRE!

THE TARGETS ARE

THE RISK OF USING THIS VOLLEY OF FIRE IS...

BUT IN THE CASE WHERE ONLY I SHOT HITS THE CRUISER,

I WON'T BE ABLE TO KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS. IN OTHER WORDS...

THERE SHALL BE "AT LEAST I SHOT" THAT CAN HIT THE CRUISER..

AMONG THE 5 SHOTS,

TO FIND OUT WHERE THE CRUISER IS.

AFTER THAT, I CAN ONLY USE THIS IMPERFECT RADAR

TO HIT THESE 4 CELLS ONE BY ONE,

BUT USE SINGLE SHOTS

IF I DON'T USE THE VOLLEY OF FIRE RIGHT NOW,

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER SOLUTION.

IF I KEEP MISSING THE TARGET, I'LL GIVE OOFUNA UP TO 3 ROUNDS OF CHANCES.

BUT THIS METHOD HAS A RISK TOO.

THE CHANCE TO HIT IT IS 1 IN 4 PLUS THIS RADAR...

ALTHOUGH I'LL WIN ONCE I HIT IT,

THE GAME WILL BE OVER ONCE I HIT THE CRUISER,

TO HIT THE CELLS AROUND IT.

BECAUSE I CAN USE THE VOLLEY OF FIRE

USING THE "SINGLE SHOTS" TO HIT THE 4 CELLS ONE BY ONE, WHICH MAY GIVE OOFUNA CHANCES?

OR WAIT UNTIL I FIND THE CRUISER WITH THE RADAR.

WHICH WILL ABSOLUTELY HIT THE CRUISER?

SHOULD I USE THE "VOLLEY OF FIRE"

AND THE CHANCE IS VERY HIGH.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, HITTING THE CRUISER IS A PRIORITY!!

OR

HERE.

HERE.

S

IF I USE THE VOLLEY OF FIRE TO ATTACK THESE CELLS,

THE CHANCE OF 2 SHOTS HITTING THE CRUISER

IF 2 SHOTS HIT THE CRUISER, THE CRUISER CAN ONLY BE...

IS VERY HIGH!!

AND THEN THE CHOICES WILL BE NARROWED DOWN TO THESE 2 CELLS.

WHEN THE LOSS... THE DEATH IS APPROACHING, HIS REACTION WILL BECOME EVEN STRONGER...

AT THE LAST...

THE LAST...

AND IF THERE ARE ONLY 2 CHOICES... IT WILL WORK!

BEAT EXTREMELY FAST...

HE'LL BECOME EXTREMELY ANXIOUS, HIS HEART WILL...

IN SUCH A SITUATION,

2 CHOICES,

I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE TIME TO TALK SHIT... NO MORE!!

OOFUNA-KUN!

THERE WILL BE 2 HITS!! I'M GOING TO END THIS,

AND THEN HIT THE LAST 2 CHOICES, AND END THIS GAME!

I WILL HIT 2 SHOTS,

AMONG THE 5 CELLS, ONLY 1 IS HIT.

DID YOU THINK THERE WOULD BE 2 SHOTS HITTING THE CRUISER?

WHA...

...T?

I'M THE ONE WHO PLACED THE SHIPS, IT'S TRUE.

LACY,

HIT

IF YOU OBSERVED MY REACTION WHEN YOU WERE CHOOSING THOSE 5 SHOTS, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REALIZE

THAT AMONG THOSE 5 SHOTS, ONLY 1 SHOT WILL HIT THE CRUISER.

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

WHAT... EXACTLY ARE YOU FIGHTING AGAINST?

BUT ME.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AT IS NOT THE RADAR

YOU SAID THAT THERE'S SOMETHING NO ONE CAN RESIST, HUH...?

1 SHOT HIT A CRUISER.

I CAN TURN IT INTO A STRONG BELIEF.

AND PUT A SHACKLE NAMED "METHO-DOLOGY" ON IT.

BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE AN UNSHAKABLE PRINCIPLE,

MAYBE I REALLY LOST MY MIND,

I KNEW SUCH A SIMPLE FACT.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE CHANCES FOR YOU.

IF YOU CHOOSE WRONG,

TO FULFILL MY FAITH, I NEVER CHOOSE A SHORTCUT A SHORTCUT WILL CLOUD THE FAITH.

ALRIGHT, NOW CHOOSE AMONG NUMEROUS POSSI-BILITIES.

ALRIGHT. NOW CHOOSE,

LACY.

IF YOU CHOOSE WRONG,

THERE WILL BE NO MORE CHANCES FOR YOU.

CHAPTER 301

THE ENVIOUS PATRIOT

BUT LACY

HAS SOME FEELINGS THAT ARE BEYOND THIS MATCH

JUDGING BY THE SITUATION, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE ONE WHO HAS NO MORE CHANCES IS NOT LACY BUT OOFUNA.

FROM A SPECTATOR'S POINT OF VIEW, THIS IS JUST A RIDICULOUS BLUFF.

OOFUNA...

YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.....

.....

.....BUT,

TOWARDS OOFUNA GAKUHITO.

:

PREPARE ...YOUR SELF

I WANT TO POLLUTE YOU.

YOU'RE ANNOY-ING.

YOU'RE DETEST-ABLE.

SVOLOCHI (BASTARDS) LIKE YOU.

I HATE

YOU TRAITORS!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU PEOPLE,

SELLING YOUR COUNTRY'S SECRETS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFITS.

WHO ARE MENACING OUR COUNTRY.

THE USSR HAS COLLAPSED --

STOP BEING SO INSIS-TENT.

LACY,

IT'S GONE.

UNFOR-GIVABLE.

THE ME NOW ...

...WANTS TO MAKE YOU CRAZY AS WELL.

THE ME NOW..? WHAT AM I SAYING...?

A NEW COUNTRY NEEDS COMPETENT BUREAUCRATS. IF IT GOES WELL, YOU CAN LIVE A BETTER LIFE THAN BEFORE.

ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE IN THE *1ST CHIEF DIRECTORATE ARE SEIZING THE POSITIONS IN THE NEW "*FSB", IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE.

IF YOU KEEP DOING THIS, YOU MAY BECOME A TARGET TO BE ELIMINATED.

THE ONE WHO'S RULING THE REGIME IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT WAS UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF THE *2ND CHIEF DIRECTORATE.

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN RELIEVING IN AND PROTECTING...

DO YOU THINK IT CAN BE CHANGED SO EASILY!?

DON'T MISTAKE ME AS THOSE WHO WERE LURED BY SUCH POSITIONS AND JOINED THE KGB.

*NOMEN-KLATURA?

*DACHA?

A BETTER LIFE!? STOP MESSING AROUND!

FATHER-IN-LAW.. PLEASE GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME...

THINK ABOUT MY DAUGH-TER, PLEASE.

I STILL CAN'T FORGIVE YOU, FATHER-IN-LAW...

AND,

IT'S CAPITALISM'S ERA NOW JUST EMBRACE THE NEW REGIME.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE KGB NO LONGER EXIST

STOP BEING SO INSIS-TENT.

YOU'RE NOT LIVING ALONE.

*1ST & 2ND CHIEF DIRECTORATES: THEY WERE A FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND AN INTERNAL SECURITY AGENCY RESPECTIVELY, UNDER THE KGB DURING THE TIME OF THE USSR.

*FSB: AFTER THE USSR COLLAPSED, THE FSB (FEDERAL SERVICE BUREAU) EMERGED FROM THE KGB AND BECAME RUSSIA'S MAIN SECURITY AGENCY.

*NOMENKLATURA: THE ELITES OR RULING-CLASS OF THE USSR. THEY WERE PEOPLE WHO HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN SOCIETY, RANGING FROM BUREAUCRATS, INDUSTRY LEADERS, TO CELEBRITIES.

*DACHA: SECONDARY HOMES, SIMILAR TO A COTTAGE. DURING THE TIME OF THE USSR, MANY WERE GIVEN OUT TO THOSE IN THE NOMENKLATURA AS A SYMBOL OF STATUS.

NOW, I CAN PUT MORE EFFORT INTO THAT...

IT'S OVER...

I

GOT IT.

DARLING, WE HAVE A GUEST.

I CAN'T GET BACK ON MY FEET AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

CHANGING MY FAITH SO EASILY IS LIKE KNEELING TO SOMEONE AND LICKING HIS FOOT.

I'VE LOST THE THING THAT I'VE BEEN BELIEVING IN AND PROTECTING WITH ALL MY MIGHT

I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ANY-THING NAIVE.

TASTE IT TOO.

I WANT TO LET OOFUNA

I'M COMING.

THE SAME FEELING.

TASTE

MAKE YOU. WHO IS SIMILAR TO THE OLD ME.

NOW KNEEL DOWN!!

TASTE THE SAME FEEL-ING!

I WANT TO LET YOU, WHO HAS BEEN INDULGING IN SELFISHNESS IN A PEACEFUL ERA

AND DIE!

REPENT FOR THAT FAITH OF YOURS, SNEER AT YOUR OWN BELIEFS, WHILE HANGING YOUR TONGUE!!

ONLY... ONE.

ONE LEFT.

YOU WON'T WIN.

ONLY

DIE...

THE REASONABLE APPROACH FOR LACY IS TO ATTACK THE CELLS BETWEEN THE VOLLEY OF FIRE'S SHOTS.

IN THIS AREA, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 11 POSSIBLE POSITIONS FOR THE CRUISER.

NOW,

...

...

KUKU... I SEE...

THEN... LET'S ASK THE RADAR.

MAYBE YOU'RE CLOSE TO IT.

AMONG THE 5 SHOTS, WHICH ONE IS THE HIT?

ALRIGHT.

OOFUNA-KUN...?

HOW IS IT,

IS IT THIS ONE ON THE TOP?

THE CHANCE FOR HIM TO MISS SHOULD STILL BE VERY HIGH.

THAT RADAR ISN'T PERFECT.

TSKI

THIS... THIS IS THE LAST SHIP WE HAVE!

THE MATCH IS NEARING ITS END NOW!

SHUT... SHUT UP FOR A SECOND!

YO-YOKOI-SAN!

OOFUNA-SAN...

YOU DON'T NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF TO FACE SUCH AN OPPONENT.

WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE IS BECOMING PALER AND PALER.

THEN IS IT HERE. OOFUNA-KUN?

OOFUNA-KUN, NEXT ONE...

ALRIGHT.

WHAT TO DO...? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THAT NONE OF THE 5 CELLS HAVE A REACTION.

THE WORST SITUA-TION IS

... THERE'S NO BIG REACTION HERE EITHER.

WE'LL SEE.

WHAT YOU'RE PROTECTING RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE BOAT, NOR THE WEAPONS IN THE CONTAINERS,

BUT YOUR-SELF.

ARE DIFFERENT FROM ME.

IS IT HERE?

YOU

WHAT I'M PROTECTING IS THE DUTY THAT I CAN SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR.

AFTER SEEING YOU, I HAVE CONFIDENCE NOW.

YOU ..

WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING AGAINST EVIL, YOU'LL GAIN A "STRONG WILL".

FUCK

ING...

LACY HASN'T NOTICED

THAT ONE IS THE CELL HIT BY THE VOLLEY OF FIRE.

D-DON'T WORRY, YOKOI-SAN.

OOFUNA-SAN IS DOING WELL.

U...

NO!

.....

KU!

THAT... THAT CELL IS...

YOU'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOW, OOFUNA GAKUHITO... YOU'VE EVOLVED...

HOW-EVER...

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DON'T NOTICE IT

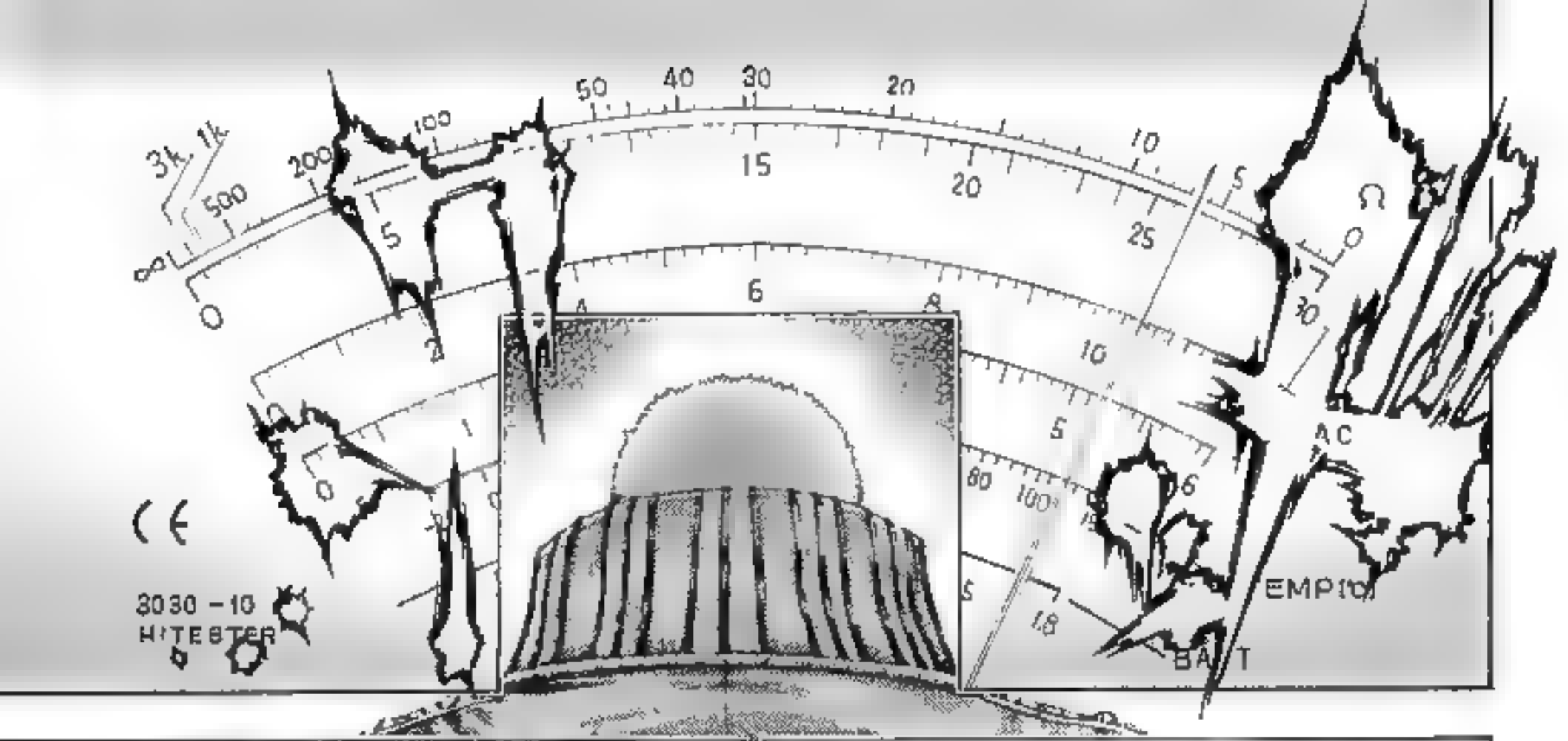
THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

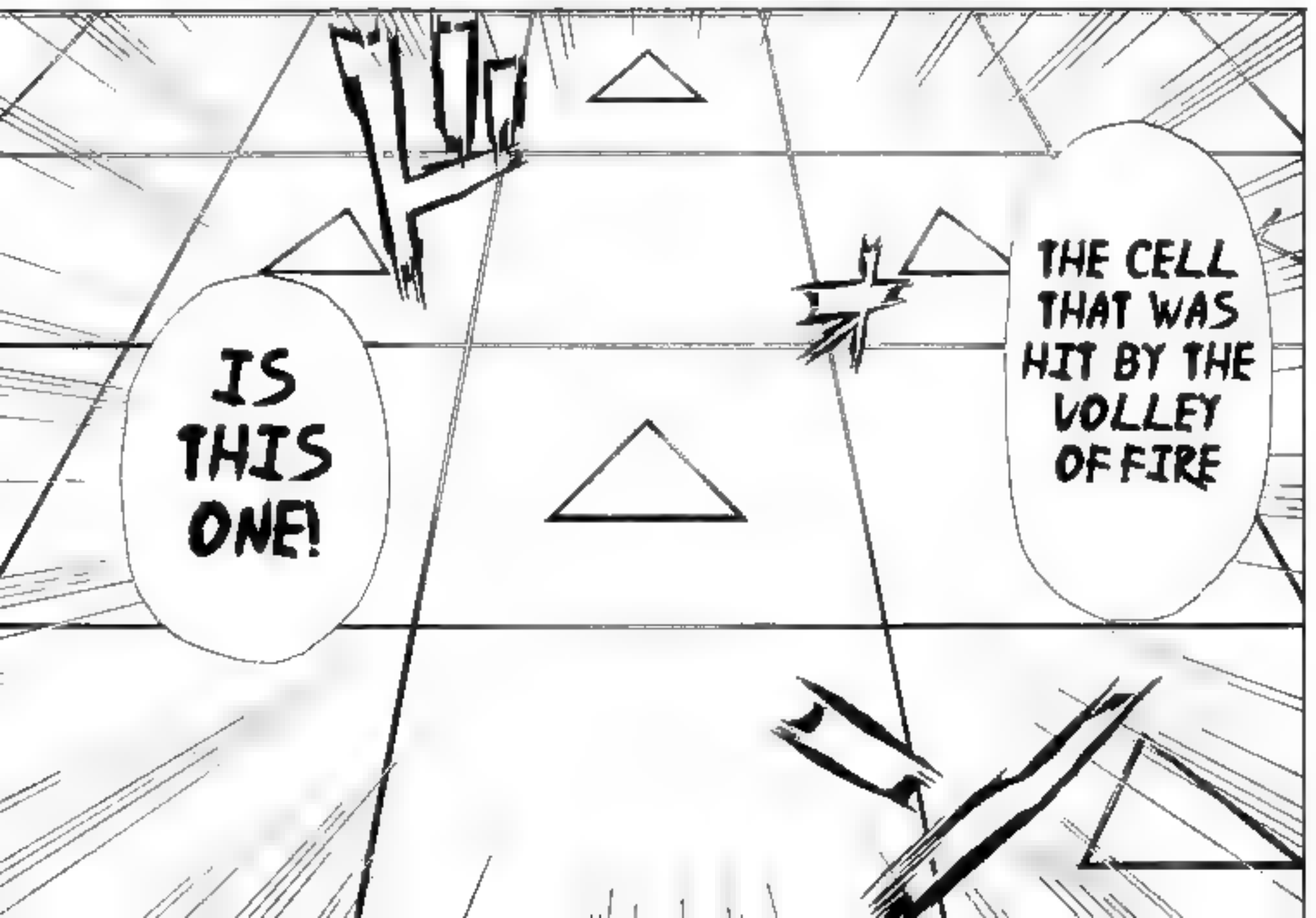
THUMP

UNFOR-GIVABLE...


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HITESTER
EMPIRE
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BATT


SO IT'S HERE, HUH?
!


IS COMP-LETELY UNREAD-ABLE.
IMPRE-SSIVE.
THE YOU RIGHT NOW
KU.
KU KU
.....


IS THIS ONE!
THE CELL THAT WAS HIT BY THE VOLLEY OF FIRE

KU.....

VERTI-CAL?

NOW, IS THE CRUISER ...

OR HORIZON-TAL?

FORGET ABOUT THE FAITH,

HAHAHA HAHA!

WHAT IS THAT?

FAITH, YOU SAID?

.....

DIE! OOFUNA...

.....BEAR IT

.....HOLD IT!

USELESS PIECE OF SHIT!

TSK!

IT... IT'S A CHANCE!!

FINE!! I'LL GUESS IT MYSELF!

I WANT TO END THIS NOW.

END IT...

THERE ARE 4 CHOICES, BUT THE CHANCE IS 1 IN 3.

BUT,

EVEN IF I HIT IT, THERE ARE STILL 2 CHOICES AWAITING.

IF IT'S HORIZONTAL, THEN IT'LL BE THE 2 CELLS NEXT TO IT.

IN OTHER WORDS,

WHEN IT'S PLACED VERTICALLY, IT CAN ONLY BE HIDDEN IN THESE 3 CELLS,

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF IT'S VERTICAL,

IT'LL BE 1 CHOICE ONLY.

RIGHT

2 CHOICES

IF I HIT THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, IT'LL BE THESE 2 CHOICES.

I CAN SINK IT FOR SURE.

IF IT REALLY IS VERTICAL, ONCE I HIT IT,

LEFT

2 CHOICES

IF I HIT THE LEFT ONE, IT'LL BE THESE 2.

THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH MY GOAL...

I'LL END THIS RIGHT NOW!

I WON'T GIVE HIM ANY MORE CHANCES TO ATTACK!

THERE'LL BE MORE CHOICES IF I CHOOSE HORIZONTAL.

I CHOOSE VERTICAL!

THAT NO MATTER HOW YOU CALCULATE OR ANALYZE THE ODDS, WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS "CHOOSING"... ONCE I HIT IT... IT ENDS...

I CAN TELL BY EXPERIENCE

FEWER CHOICES IS BETTER.

IT'S TIME TO END THIS!

OOFUNA!!

TOUCH

SPLASH

!:

MISS

BUT,

BACK-FIRED... NOW IT'S OOFUNA'S CHANCE...

HIS ANXIETY ...

LACY WANTS TO END IT FAST, HUH...

7 SHIPS IN THIS TURN.

SINK...

PART OF THE CRUISER HAS BEEN EXPOSED.

YOU WILL HAVE TO

TO WIN,

WHEN LACY'S TURN COMES, YOU'RE DOOMED.

NO MORE CHANCES FOR YOU.

LACY.

IT'S TIME TO END THIS !!

CHAPTER 302
INTUITION AND THEORY

IT'S A FIGHT BETWEEN

"ONE'S INTUITION MATCHING THE THEORETICAL ANSWER"

INTUITION AND THEORY.

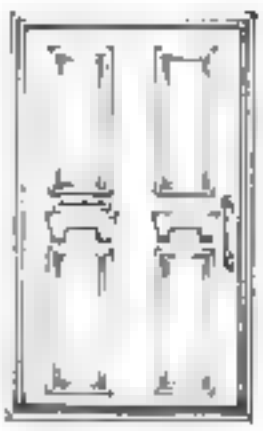
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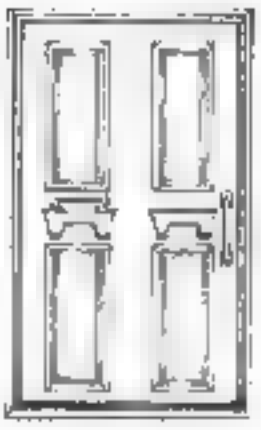
IS A SITUATION THAT'S SELDOM SEEN IN GAMES LIKE BATTLESHIP...

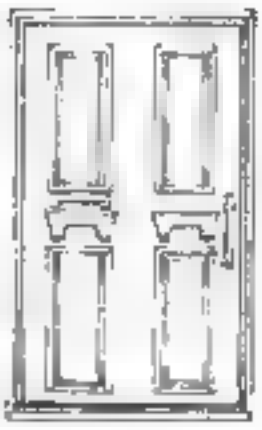
LACY'S MISS IN THE LAST ROUND

YOU CAN CALL IT AN "INTUITION OR THEORY" SITUATION.

LET'S SAY THERE ARE 3 DOORS.







THERE'S A QUESTION NAMED THE 'MONTY HALL PROBLEM'.

THE DOOR YOU CHOSE OR THE LEFT ONE.

NOW THE CORRECT DOOR CAN ONLY BE

WRONG

CHOOSE

THE MIDDLE ONE IS WRONG.

FIRST, YOU "CHOOSE" ONE DOOR THAT YOU THINK IS THE CORRECT ONE.

AND THEN,

CHOOSE

IF YOU'RE ALLOWED TO CHANGE YOUR DECISION AND PICK THE LEFT DOOR. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WRONG

CHOOSE

ONE OF THE REMAINING 2 DOORS WILL BE OPENED. AND IT WILL BE ALWAYS BE A "WRONG" DOOR.

1 IN 3

CHOOSE

AT THE MOMENT WHEN YOU WERE CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOOR, THE ODDS OF YOU CHOOSING THE CORRECT DOOR IS 1 IN 3.

THE LOGIC IS,

CHOOSE

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, NOT CHANGING THE DOOR IS "INTUITION"

SO AFTER THE MIDDLE ONE IS OPENED, IF YOU CHOOSE THE LEFT ONE, THE ODDS OF IT BEING CORRECT IS 2 IN 3.

CHOOSE

CHOOSE

CHANGING IT IS "THEORY".

IT'S MERELY A CONSEQUENT-IALISM.

BUT THE FACT THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE CORRECT DOOR AND ONLY ONE CORRECT PLACEMENT OF THE SHIP

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT "WHICH ONE IS CORRECT",

"AREN'T THE ODDS OF THE RIGHT DOOR AND THE LEFT DOOR THE SAME, 1 IN 2?". "WHETHER YOU CHANGE THE DOOR OR NOT THE ODDS ARE THE SAME". THEY WILL THINK LIKE THAT

AFTER HEARING THIS THEORY, SOME PEOPLE FEEL NOTHING.

SO HE CHOSE VERTICAL BASED ON HIS INTUITION, AND IT WAS WRONG.

BUT LACY DOESN'T LIKE IT WITH MORE CHOICES,

WHEN THE CRUISER IS PLACED HORIZON-TALLY,

COMPARED TO THE VERTICAL PLACEMENT, WHICH HAS ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY,

THERE ARE 3 POSSIBILITIES. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE HIGHER ODDS TO HIT THE SHIP IF YOU GUESS IT HORIZONTAL, SO IT'S THE "THEORETICAL" CHOICE.

LOST TO THEORY.

THIS TIME, LACY'S INTUITION

THE ODDS BASED ON THEORY IS AS UNRELIABLE AS CHIFFON THIN ENOUGH TO BE SEEN THROUGH.

HOWEVER, THE SITUATION NOW IS A ONE ON ONE MATCH.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, GAMBLING IS

IN THE LONG RUN, "GAMBLING" IS A GAME DOMINATED BY "ODDS".

AND THE PROOF IS THAT AS LONG AS THERE ARE CUSTOMERS, A CASINO MAKES MONEY.

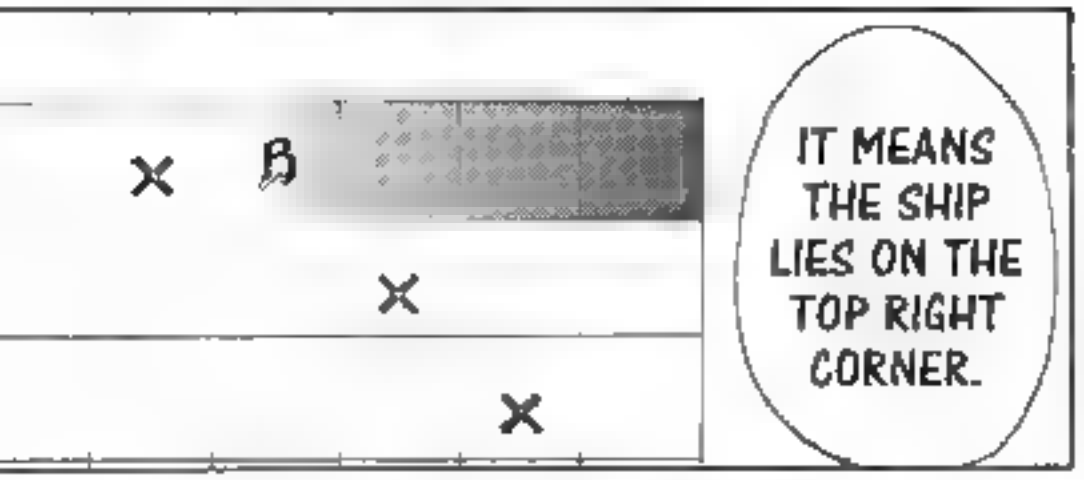
A FIGHT THAT'S INTERWOVEN BY THE SCHEMES AND IS BEYOND THEORIES.

IS IT ON THE RIGHT?

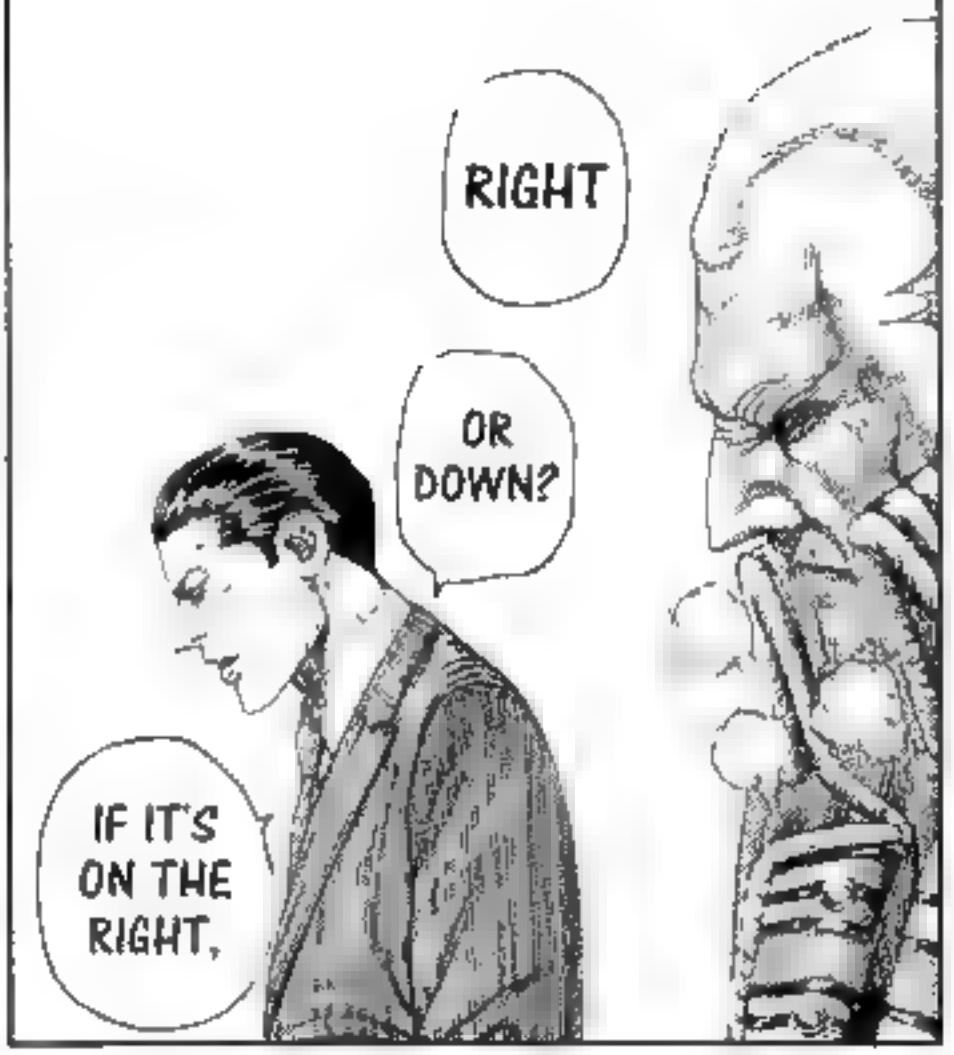
OR DOWN?

WHICH WAY IS THE BATTLESHIP PLACED?

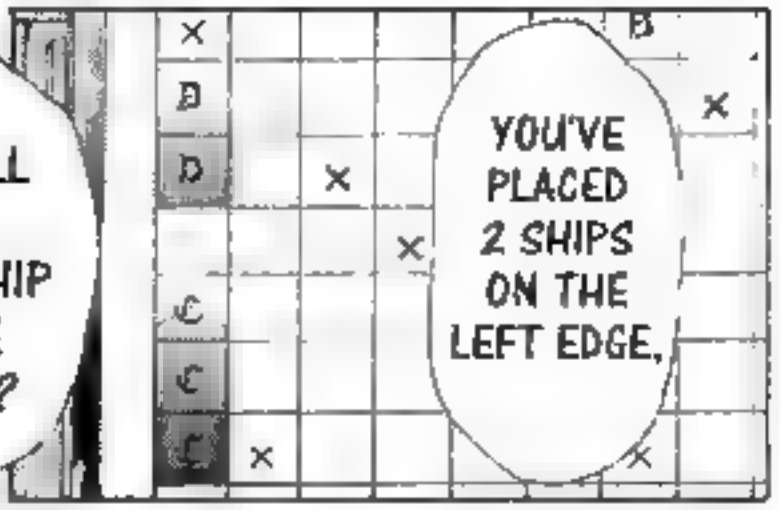
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IT MEANS THE SHIP LIES ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER.

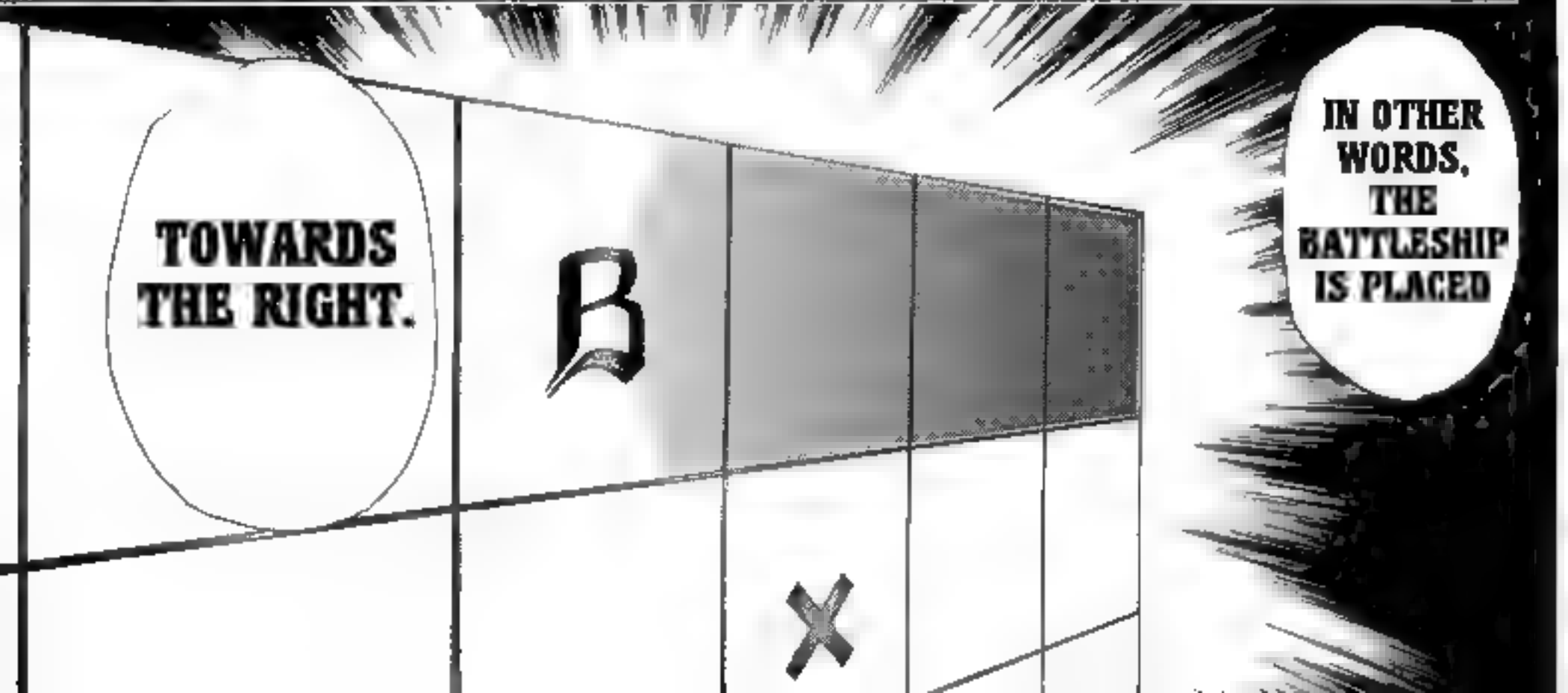

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,
IF I WAS YOU, I'D AVOID PLACING SHIPS ON THE CORNER.


RIGHT
OR DOWN?
IF IT'S ON THE RIGHT,


THE POSSI-BILITY OF IT IS VERY LOW.
YET, YOU STILL PUT A BATTLESHIP ON THE CORNER?


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D
C
YOU'VE PLACED 2 SHIPS ON THE LEFT EDGE,


YOU PREDICTED THAT I'D THINK PLACING THEM ON THE EDGE IS IMPOSSIBLE, SO YOU PLACED THEM ALL ON THE EDGES, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU'RE VERY USED TO THIS GAME.
BUT,


TOWARDS THE RIGHT.
B
IN OTHER WORDS, THE BATTLESHIP IS PLACED

MY WHOLE BODY IS THUMPING VIOLENTLY BY ITSELF.

MY HEART... TEARING APART...

IT'S LIKE...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

IT... IT HURTS...

RIGHT... RIGHT!!

THE BATTLE-SHIP...

IF IT WAS ME, I'D PROBABLY CHOOSE...

RIGHT AS WELL.

WHAT OOFUNA SAID IS CORRECT. RIGHT... IT'S ON THE RIGHT.

MY INTUITION TELLS ME... IT'S ON THE RIGHT.

RIGHT ...

ON THE RIGHT ...

THERE'S NO SUCH THING HERE!

I DON'T KNOW, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE,

HIT IT!!

I CAN ONLY BELIEVE IN MYSELF AND ATTACK!!

I'M THE ONE WHO'S FIGHTING!!

THAT'S RIGHT!!

IT'S VERTICAL.

OOFUNA GAKUHITO.

WHAT A SHAME...

!!

BOMB

HIT

I... I HIT IT...

.....HE...

HIT THE VERTICAL.

HUH?

HOLD ON HOLD ON!

IM-IMPRE-SSIVE.

BUT WHY DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

:

WHO KNOWS?

IT'S JUST...

THAT WAS CLOSE ...

THAT WAS... THAT...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

I HAD A THOUGHT BEFORE I PRESSED IT.

IS WRONG...

MAYBE MY INTUITION

NOTHING SPECIAL...

OH...

DON'T... DON'T JUST MAKE SUCH A DARING MOVE... SUCH TENSION...

BUT... WITH THIS, IT'S CLEAR... THE BATTLESHIP...

OOFUNA-SAN CAN FINALLY GET THE RIGHTS TO A VOLLEY OF FIRE!!

PLUS THE PRESERVED CRUISER AT THE BOTTOM, HE CAN SINK 2 SHIPS IN A ROW.

ITS SINKING IS GUARANTEED.

B BOMB

B

B

HIT

WHAT YOU SAID IS RIGHT, WE CAN ONLY PRAY NOW!

IF THE REMAINING 2 CELLS ON THE LEFT ARE HIT, IT'S OVER!!

LACY ALREADY KNOWS THAT OOFUNA-SAN'S LAST CRUISER IS "HORIZONTAL".

THERE ARE NO MORE CHANCES FOR OOFUNA-SAN NOW!

YOKOI-SAN!

ALL HE NEEDS TO DO IS USE IT TO WIN!

JUST LIKE WHAT LACY DID, THE ELEMENTS ARE PREPARED!

GET ANOTHER VOLLEY!

SINK IT!

HIT A SHIP!

FIRE A VOLLEY!

COME-BACK!

THAT THERE WILL BE A MIRACU-LOUS

BELIEVE

HE'S NOT GOING TO SINK THE BATTLESHIP?

WHAT'S WRONG?

……?

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…

DON'T...

!

……

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OOFUNA-SAN...?

YOU HAVE TO GET A VOLLEY OF FIRE NOW! OOFUNA-SAN!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

NO!!

OOFUNA-SAN, ARE YOU...

DON'T TELL ME!!

…

NOT YET.

NOT GOOD... I WAS ALMOST GOING TO HELP HIM...

TWITCH

ARE... ARE YOU STUPID!? EVERYONE KNOWS THAT GETTING AND USING THE VOLLEY OF FIRE IS THE SAFEST STRATEGY NOW!

PLEASE THINK THEORETICALLY, OOFUNA-SAN!

YOU MAY SINK A SUBMARINE WITH A VOLLEY OF FIRE!

EVEN IF HE DOESN'T MAKE THIS RECKLESS MOVE, THE ADVANTAGES HE CAN GET ARE LIMITED.

BUT, IT'S TRUE THAT IF HE ESCAPES RIGHT NOW, HE CAN'T WIN.

THIS KIND OF PERSON WILL BE RUINED QUICKLY IN A CASINO.

IN SUCH A SITUATION, THIS MAN IS STILL TRYING TO TRUST HIS RECKLESS INTUITION INSTEAD OF THE THEORY RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS EYES.

WRONG

CHOOSE

IT'S A PERFECT WORD TO DESCRIBE THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE THE THEORY AND THINK THE ODDS OF BOTH DOORS ARE THE SAME.

IS A WORD USED TO DESCRIBE ACTIONS THAT IGNORE THEORIES. AND IN THE "MONTY HALL PROBLEM",

RECK-LESS...

BUT THIS TIME,

CHOOSE

LET'S TRY IT AGAIN... FIRST, YOU PICK A DOOR.

YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE A DOOR AMONG 100 DOORS.

AND THEN 98 WRONG DOORS ARE OPENED. THERE ARE 2 DOORS LEFT.

CHOOSE

NOT CHANGING IT IS INTUITION... NO, IT'S NOT "INTUITION". IN THIS SITUATION, IT'S "RECKLESSNESS"...

CHOOSE

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WILL YOU CHANGE YOUR CHOICE OR NOT...? CHANGING IT IS "THEORY".

YOU DECIDED TO BEAR SUCH RECKLESSNESS TO FACE THIS FIGHT, CALMLY, WITHOUT BEING INTOXICATED.

YOU'RE NOW TRYING TO DO THE RECKLESSNESS OF NOT CHANGING YOUR CHOICE.

OOFUNA GAKUHITO...

1 2

3 5 7

4 6 8

×	1	2	3	4	×	B	5	6	7
D	8	9	10	11	12	B	×	13	14
D	15	×	16	17	18	B	19	×	20
21	22	23	×	24	25		26	27	×
C	28	29	30	×	31	32	33	34	35
C	36	37	38	39	×	40	41	42	43
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THERE ARE OVER 70. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBER OF THE CELLS OCCUPIED BY THE REMAINING SHIPS IS 8.

BUT COMPARED TO LACY'S BOARD,

THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF BLANK CELLS IN YOURS.

THE NUMBER OF BLANK CELLS IS STILL 55... THE CHANCE IS STILL...

1 IN 7!!

×	1	2	3	4	×	B		5	6
D		7	8	9		B	×	10	11
D		×	12	13		B		×	14
	15	16	×	17				18	×
C		19	20	×	21		22	23	24
C		25	26	27	×	28	29	30	31
C	×	32	33	34	35	×	36	37	38
				39	40	41	×	42	43
	C	C			44	45	46	47	48
49				50	51	52	53	54	55

IF OOFUNA-SAN WANTS TO USE THE SINGLE SHOT,

8 IN 76!!

HE HAS TO HIT AN APPROXI-MATELY 1 IN 10 CHANCE WITH ONE SHOT!

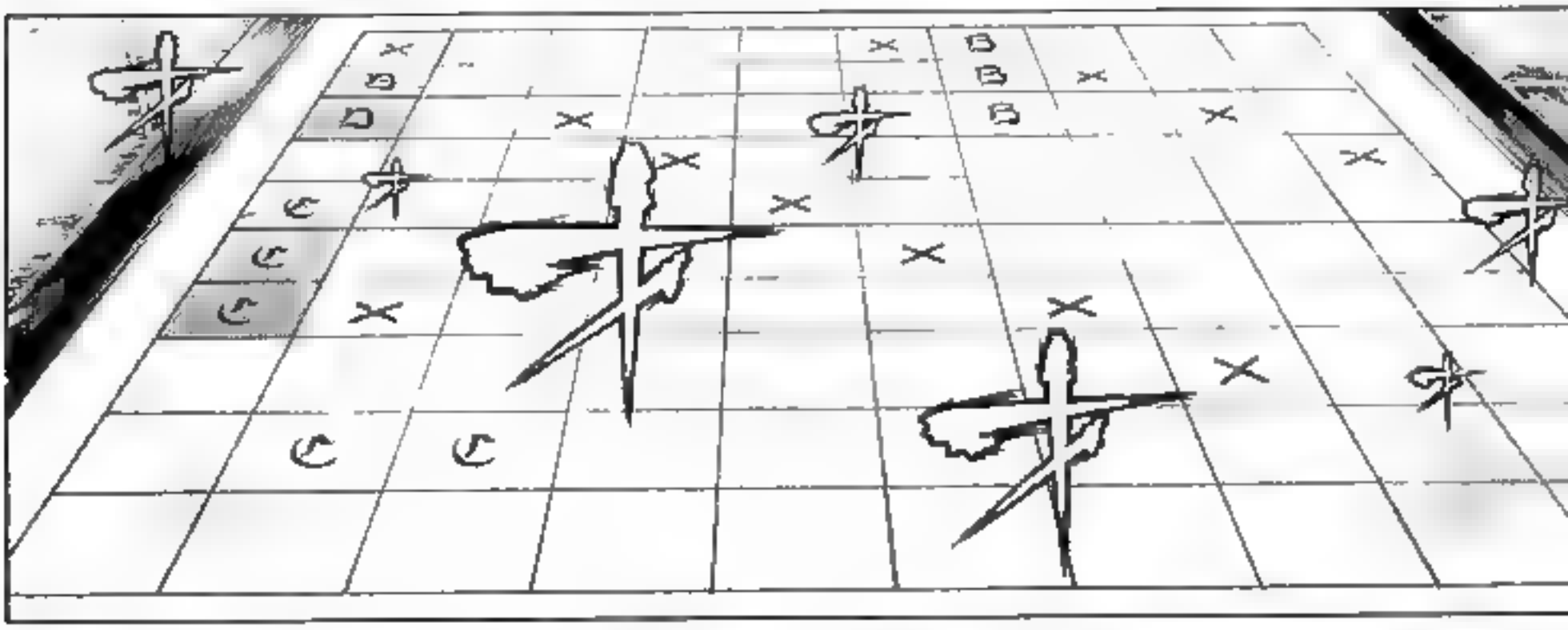
EVEN IF WE ASSUME THAT LACY DIDN'T PLACE HIS SHIPS NEXT TO EACH OTHER,

THE RESULT COMES OUT.

AFTER YOU CHOOSE AND PRESS.

BUT THIS SITUATION IS A GAMBLE WHERE WHEN YOU CHOOSE A DOOR, THERE WON'T BE ANY WRONG DOORS OPENED FOR YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS CORRECT ...



I BELIEVE HE'LL END UP LOSING.

IF HE DOESN'T FACE THE REAL DIFFICULTY

THAT WILL COME SOONER OR LATER IN HIS LIFE.

I'LL MAKE IT BECOME NOURISH-MENT FOR MY LIFE.

I WON'T ESCAPE FROM IT.

WANTS TO JUMP INTO THE DIFFICULT OR RECKLESS ROUTE,

BUT,

IF A PERSON KEEPS ESCAPING FROM IT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

NO... NO ONE

HELP ME...

SOME... SOMEONE...

HELP ME...

THIS TIME... IT REALLY FEELS LIKE MY BODY IS GOING TO EXPLODE...

DAD... MOM...

IT'S SCARY...

AH... IT...

I... I CAN'T CHOOSE...

I'M GOING TO DO IT!!

I'VE SEEN NUMEROUS PEOPLE LOSE IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION... MISS... HE WILL MISS IT FOR SURE.

I'M SORRY ...

I...

TOUCH

AND WHAT A SHAME, YOUR FAILURE WON'T BECOME YOUR NOURISHMENT... ONE'S DEATH CAN'T BECOME HIS NOURISHMENT.

I'M...

[redacted]

OOFUNA-SAMA... KEEP IT TOGETHER.

YOUR CHOICE

WAS BRIL-LIANT.

CHAPTER 303

HIT

COMING... UP TO THIS POINT...

WITH HIS OWN POWER...

!!

FEEL LIKE I COULD GO CRAZY FOR YOU.

...

YOU WERE THE ONE TO WIN,

WHISPER FUFU,

IF

I'M ALL GOOD NOW!!

OH MY~

LET GO!

LE-

A BREAK

GIVE ME

ALREADY ...

I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO GO CRAZY...

I GIVE YOU MY THANKS

REFEREE

...

MOGAMI ..

FACING ALL THE DIFFI-CULTIES BRAVELY...

BELIEVING IN SUCH A MIRACLE AND FACING ADVERSITY...

BETTING ON THE POSSI-BILITY OF TURNING THE TABLES

UNTIL WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING THAT ACT UP...?

STOP PRETEND-ING.

STOP IT, STOP IT.

STOP BRAZENLY SHOWING ME THAT STANCE OF YOURS...

NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

IT'S

ARE YOU REALLY
TAKING THIS SERIOUS-LY?
...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT LUCKY HITTING A DESTROYER THIS TURN...
IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TURN THE SITUATION AROUND AS IT IS RIGHT NOW?
HE'S TOO NAIVE...
SO SERIOUS.
BUT HE IS SERIOUS ...

THERE IS GOOD NEWS. AND BAD NEWS

I'M GOING TO LET YOU KNOW_

NE DAY IT'LL COME UP UNEXPEC TEDLY

ND TODAY IS THAT DAY

AND NEVER BE ABLE TO TURN IT AROUND...

YOU WILL DEFI- NITELY MISS.

MY VICTORY IS UN-SHAK-ABLE!

CLICK

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VOJA!?

!

DID YOU GET THAT RAT?

CLICK

J3.

D3.

CLACK
CLACK

F7.

!!

WHETHER YOU CAN HIT THE LAST ONE OR NOT...

!!

IT DE-

PRESS

LUCK,

ALL GATHERS TO HIM SO ANNOYING-LY!?

EVERY-THING,

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FOR OOFUNA ...

WHY IS IT...

D3, J3, F7.

WAS THAT OOFUNA'S ALLY!?

BASH

BASH

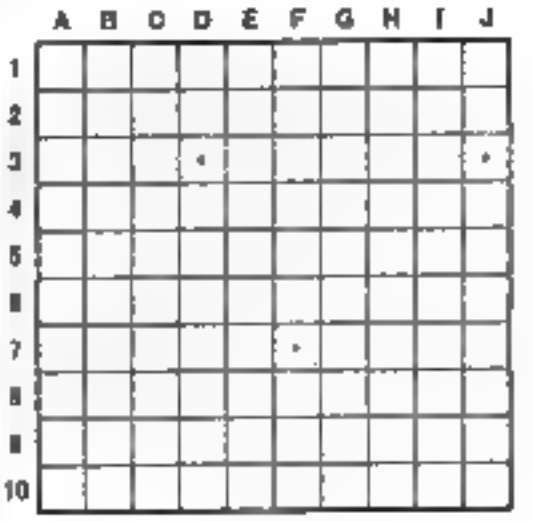
SHOT

YOU'RE... FINE...

AND, YOU STILL... HELPED ME...

HACHINA...

WERE THOSE ALPHABETS AND NUMBERS, WHICH HE SPOKE QUICKLY, LACY'S SHIP PLACEMENTS CORRESPONDING TO THE CELLS OF THE BOARD...!?



YOU CAN'T CONTACT HIM ANYMORE!!

THE WIRELESS IS BROKEN. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO USE IT,

WITH THIS,

PANT PANT PANT

50/50...

HACHI-NA...

RIGHT NOW, THIS MATCH IS

THIS GAME'S DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN SO ADVANTAGEOUS FOR LACY...

HIS ALLY'S STRATEGY, WHICH HASN'T HELPED HIM AFTER THE EARLY STAGES, DEALT A HARD BLOW JUST NOW.

WAS SHAKEN BECAUSE OF THAT VOICE JUST NOW...

BOMB

BOMB

THE REST IS WHETHER YOU CAN NOTICE THAT TRUTH OR NOT.

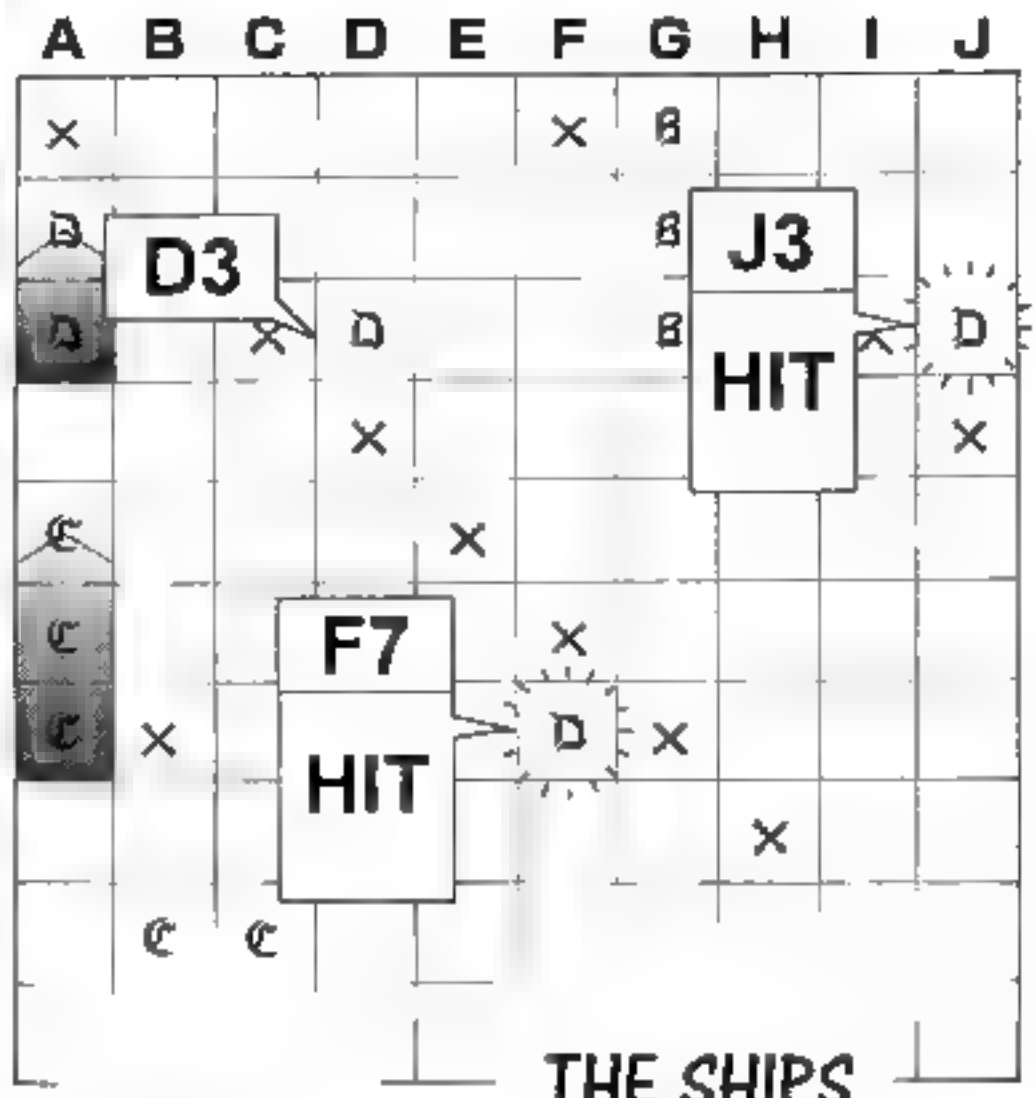
LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER.

J3, F7, D3...



D3 WAS THE ONE HIT BY OOFUNA HIMSELF.

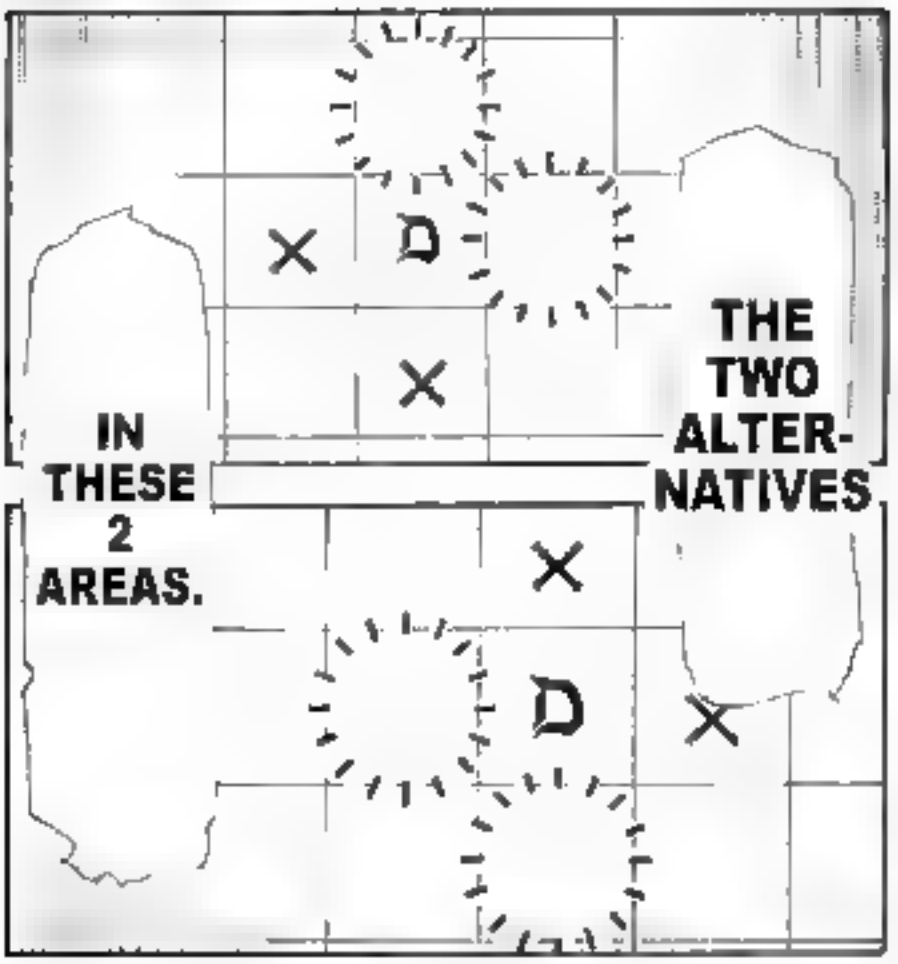
THE REAL BLOW IS COMING FROM THE NEWLY DISCOVERED J3 AND F7.

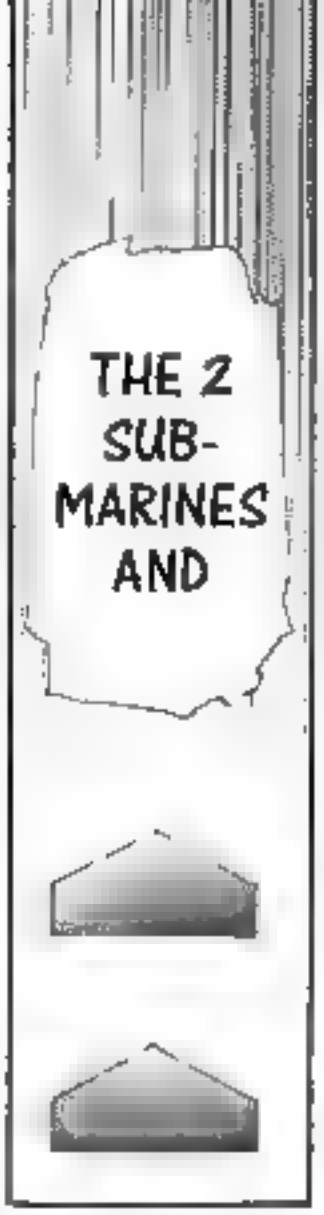


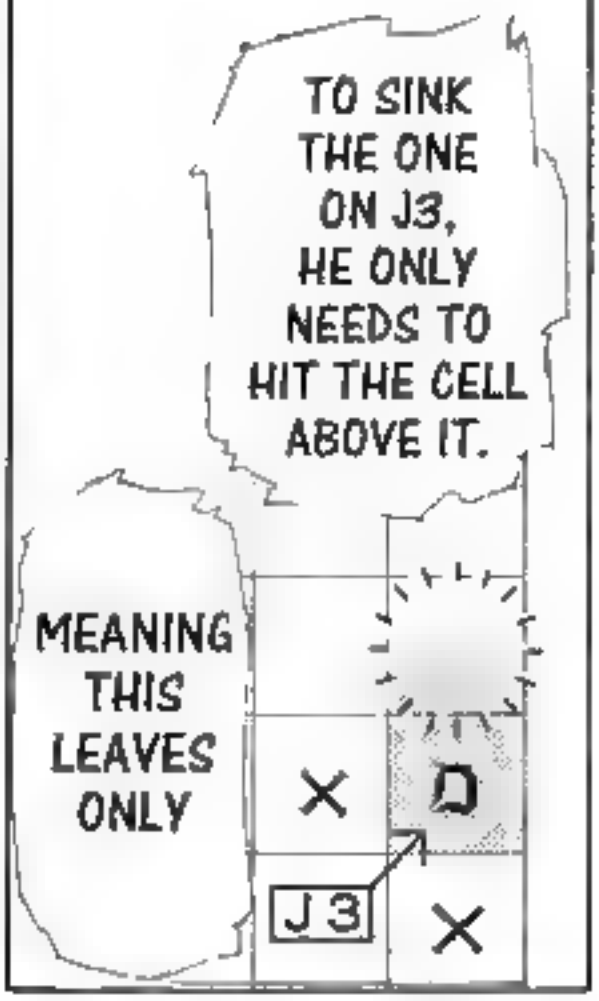
DES-TROYERS...

THE SHIPS GIVEN BY HACHINA WERE ALL

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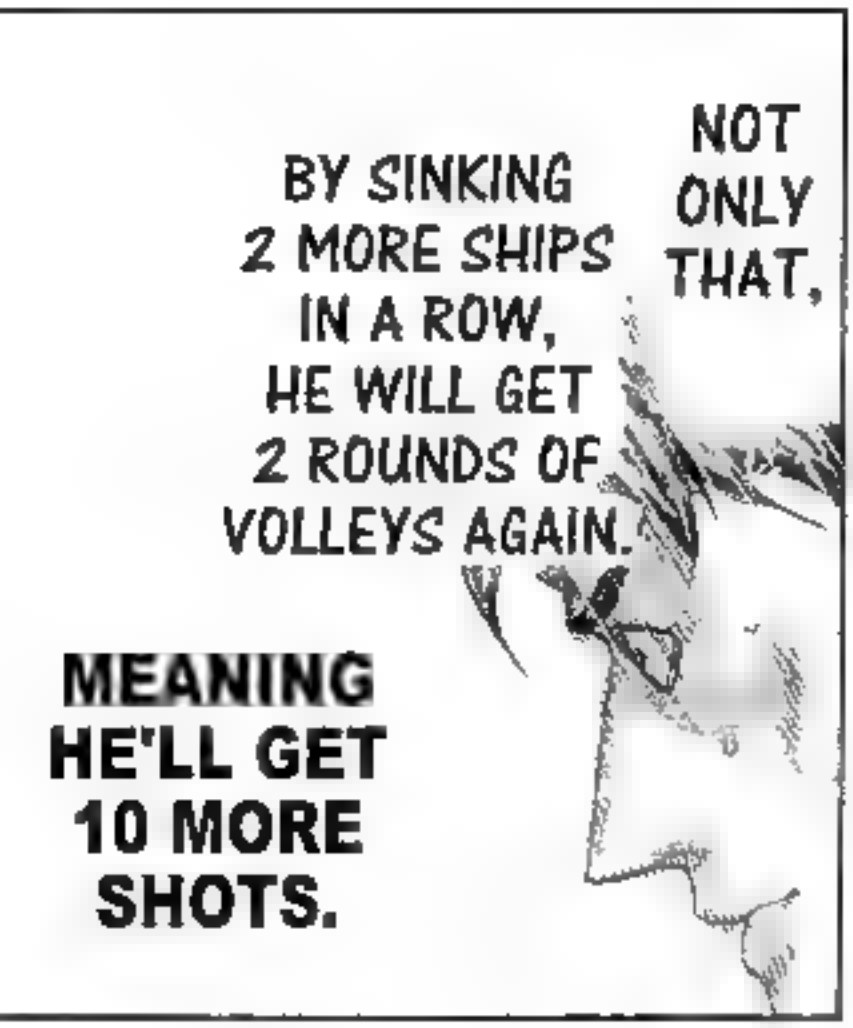


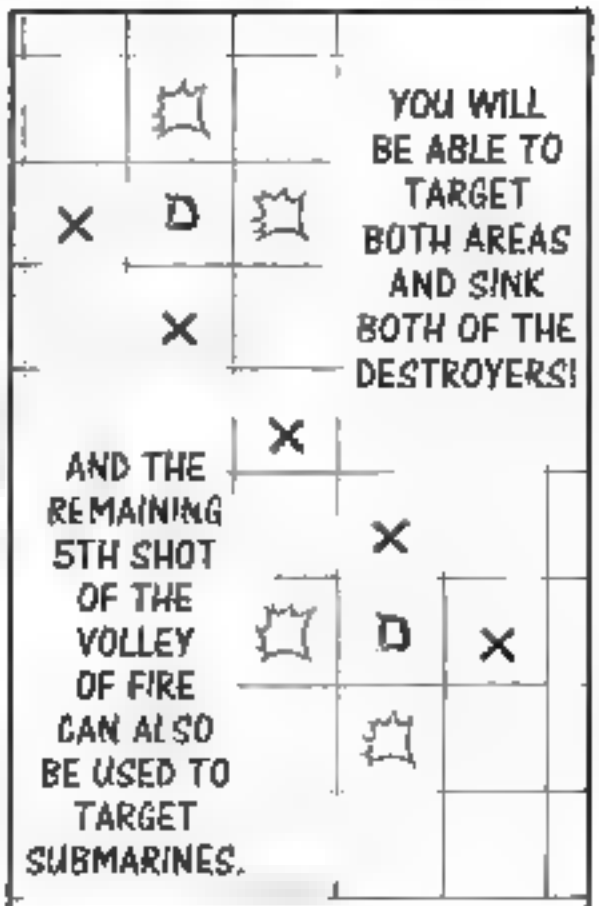


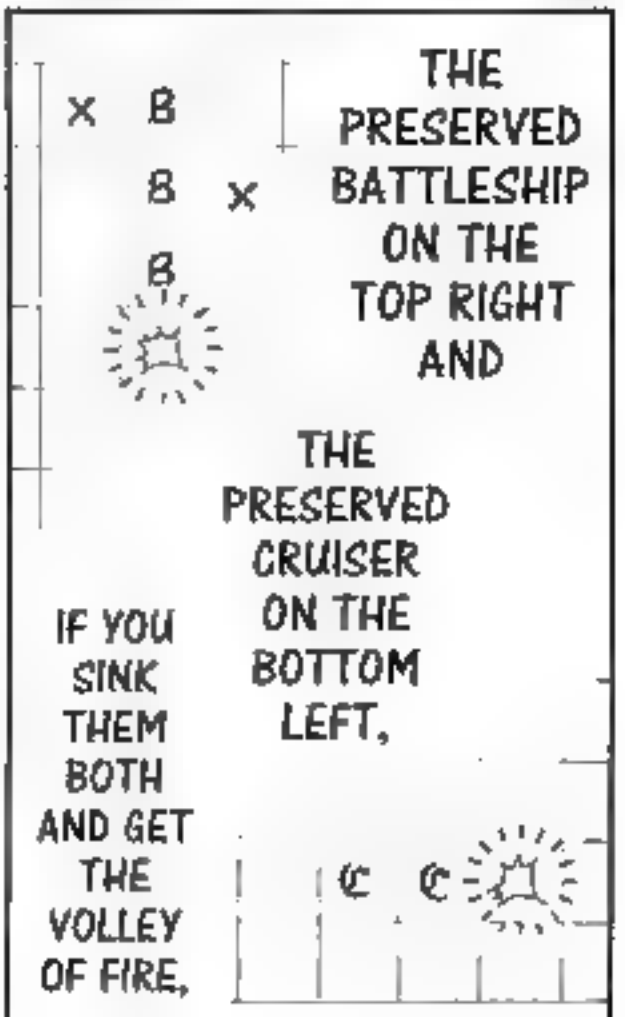


IT FINALLY CAME! A MIRACULOUS TURNAROUND TO WIN THIS GAME!






YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TARGET BOTH AREAS AND SINK BOTH OF THE DESTROYERS!
AND THE REMAINING 5TH SHOT OF THE VOLLEY OF FIRE CAN ALSO BE USED TO TARGET SUBMARINES.


THE PRESERVED BATTLESHIP ON THE TOP RIGHT AND
THE PRESERVED CRUISER ON THE BOTTOM LEFT,
IF YOU SINK THEM BOTH AND GET THE VOLLEY OF FIRE,

15 SHOTS IN TOTAL!

HE CAN GET A TOTAL OF 3 VOLLEYS OF FIRE.

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PLUS THE DESTROYER ON J3, FOR WHICH THE LAST CELL IS CONFIRMED ALREADY,

BY SINKING IT WITH A SINGLE SHOT...

WITH THAT MANY SHOTS, THE CHANCE TO SINK THE 2 SUBMARINES IS VERY HIGH!

THE 2 SUB-MARINES!

THE CHANCE OF A COMEBACK IS VERY HIGH!

15 SHOTS!

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HIT

7 6 5 4 3 2 1

A DES TROYER HAS BEEN SUNK

BUT, THIS IS NOT

WHAT YOU ARE AIMING FOR.

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THANK GOD YOU HIT IT, BUT...

WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY TARGET THE AREAS WITH MULTIPLES CHOICES, OOFUNA-SANI?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...!? YOU SHOULD HAVE USED THE VOLLEY OF FIRE.....

THE TOP RIGHT AREA WITH 2 CHOICES...

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HE JUST HIT.... D2?

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HUH?

20 SHOTS.

BUT RIGHT NOW...

BEFORE, YOU NEEDED TO SINK 5 SHIPS IN A ROW TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN,

FOR SINKING THE FINAL HIDDEN SUB-MARINES... WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN AIMING FOR IS A MAXIMAL VOLLEY OF FIRE,

WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN AIMING FOR BY PRESERVING THE SHIPS IS NOT THE 15 SHOTS.

AND NOW,

YOU ONLY NEED TO HIT ONCE MORE.

HIT THE 1 IN 2 CHANCE TWICE.

INHALE

YOU ONLY NEED TO

ARE VERY HIGH.

COMPARED TO BEFORE, THE ODDS

I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING... NOW, EVERYTHING IS LEFT TO OOFUNA-SAN...

I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING...

I...

YOU CAN GET IT, THE VOLLEYS OF FIRE!

YOU CAN DO IT!

HIT IT, OOFUNA!

PLEASE MAKE IT, OOFUNA-SAN!

HIT

A DES-
TROYER
HAS
BEEN
SUNK.

CHAPTER 304

INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF EUPHORIA AND DESTRUCTION

HE SANK THE LAST

HE SANK IT...

HE...

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DES-TROYER ...

F7, F8...

WHA... WHAT A MAN...

HE REALLY MADE IT HAPPEN... 5 SHIPS... SINKING 5 SHIPS IN A ROW!

THE REMAINING DESTROYER, CRUISER AND BATTLESHIP ARE ALL

LEFT PENDING!! READY FOR DES-TRUCTION...

2 SHIPS SANK IN A ROW

THE PRAGMATIC SCOUTING DONE BY OOFUNA HAS PAID OFF. LIMITING THE DESTROYERS' POSITIONS TO 1 IN 2.

THE TRACES LEFT BY THE MISSED DIAGONAL LINE PLAYED A HUGE PART IN THIS!!

THIS IS MORE THAN A COINCIDENCE. JUST BY KNOWING THE LOCATION OF J3, D3, F7, HE COULD NEVER HAVE MADE IT UP TO THIS POINT.

A DES-TROYER HAS BEEN SUNK!!

HIT

3 SHIPS SANK IN A ROW

A CRUISER HAS BEEN SUNK

HIT

4 SHIPS SANK IN A ROW

GOING INTO THE ENEMY'S TERRITORY, FORCED TO PLAY SUCH A DISADVANTAGEOUS GAME IN SUCH A DISADVANTAGEOUS SITUATION.

THE REASON HE COULD REACH THIS POINT WAS NOT ONLY THANKS TO HIS ALLY BUT ALSO

HIS OWN PERSEVERANCE, DETERMINATION,

AND STRENGTH AS A MAN.

OPEN IT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

NOW,

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HIT

A BATTLE-SHIP HAS BEEN

SUNK!!

5 SHIPS SANK
IN A ROW

BEHIND
THE
DOOR...

WHAT'S

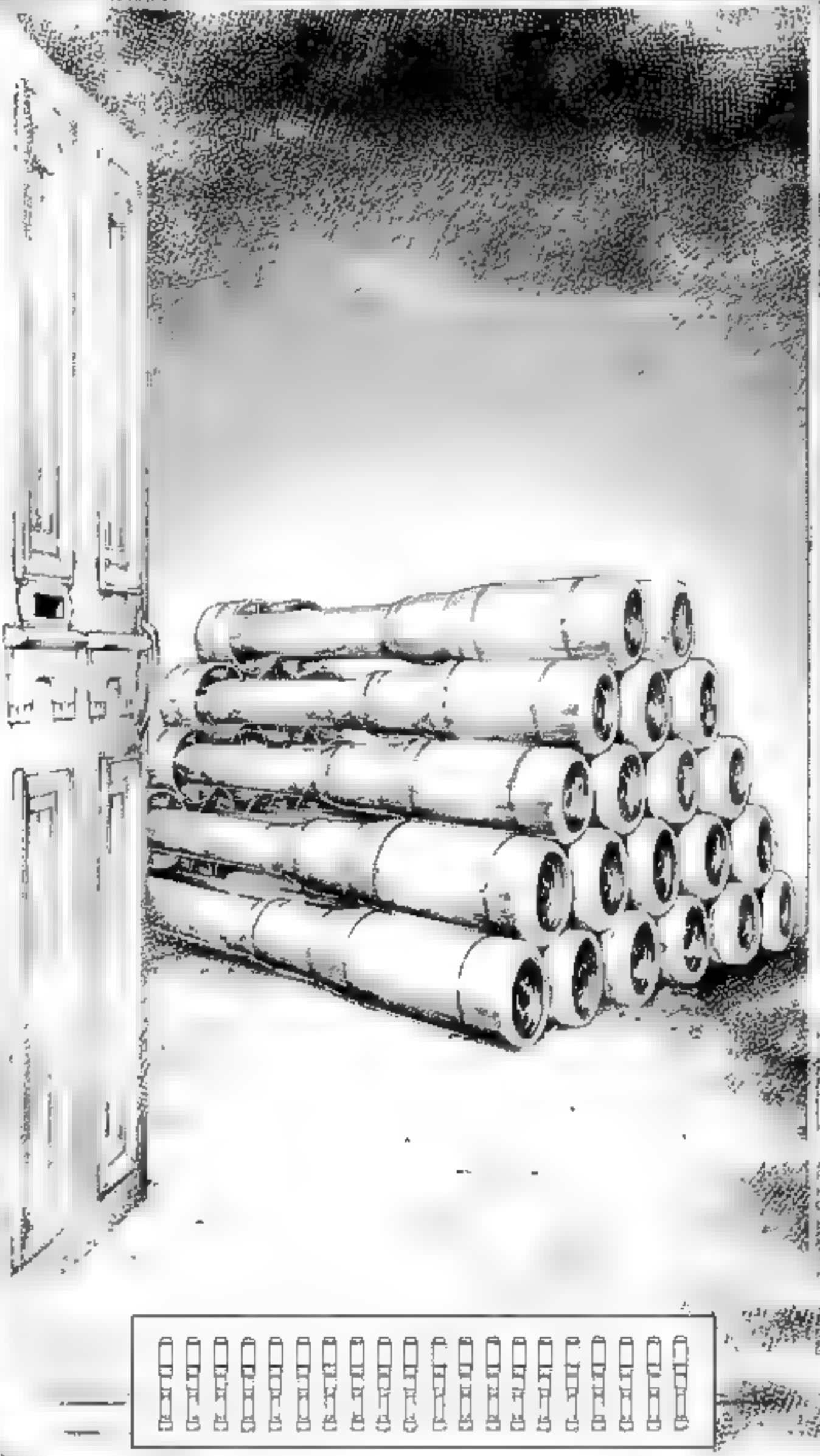
NOW

YOU ONLY
NEED TO
USE THEM
TO...

DON'T
WORRY
...

WE
ARE
ALL

LOOK-
ING
AT THE
SAME
THING.



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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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2	8	8	9	9	10	11	5	×	12	12
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4	17	18	19	×	20	21	5	22	23	×
5	24	24	25	26	×	27	28	29	30	31
6	32	32	33	34	35	×	36	37	38	39
7	×	×	40	41	42	42	×	43	44	45
8	46	47	48	49	50	50	51	×	52	53
9	54	54	54	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
10	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70

20 SHOTS... FINALLY... 20 SHOTS!

REFEREE MOGAMI, I'LL LAUNCH A VOLLEY OF FIRE ON 20 CELLS.

THE NUMBER OF BLANK CELLS IS

ON THE OTHER HAND,

LOOKING CLOSELY, IT SEEMS TO BE EQUALLY SPREAD OUT ALL OVER THE BOARD...

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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6	5					×				
7	5	×				5	×			
8						5		×		
9		5	5	5						
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IT SEEMS TO BE 20/70. BUT LACY'S SHIP LOCATIONS...

THERE IS... BALANCE.

THE BOTTOM RIGHT...

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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3	5		×	5			5		×	5
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9		5	5	5						
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IF SO, THE SPACE WHERE NO SHIPS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IS SUSPICIOUS... WHICH MEANS...

LACY,

FUNAAA

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FUNA
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MISS
IT...

AND
THAT'S
WHY

WANTED
TO
FULFILL
IT.

BUT
YOU

YOU
HAVE A
GREAT
ANGER
TOWARDS
ME.

AND
THAT'S
WHY...

EVEN NOW,
YOU ARE
STILL
STRUGGLING
IN YOUR
HEART.

I DON'T
KNOW WHY...
AND WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU...

BECAUSE
YOU
WEREN'T
ABLE TO
FULFILL YOUR
JUSTICE.

I'LL END EVERYTHING

NOW.

I'LL ARBI-TRARILY BEAR

YOUR RESENT-MENT.

I'M BREAK...

O...

BRE...

NO!

NO GOOD!

JUST IGNORE HIM!

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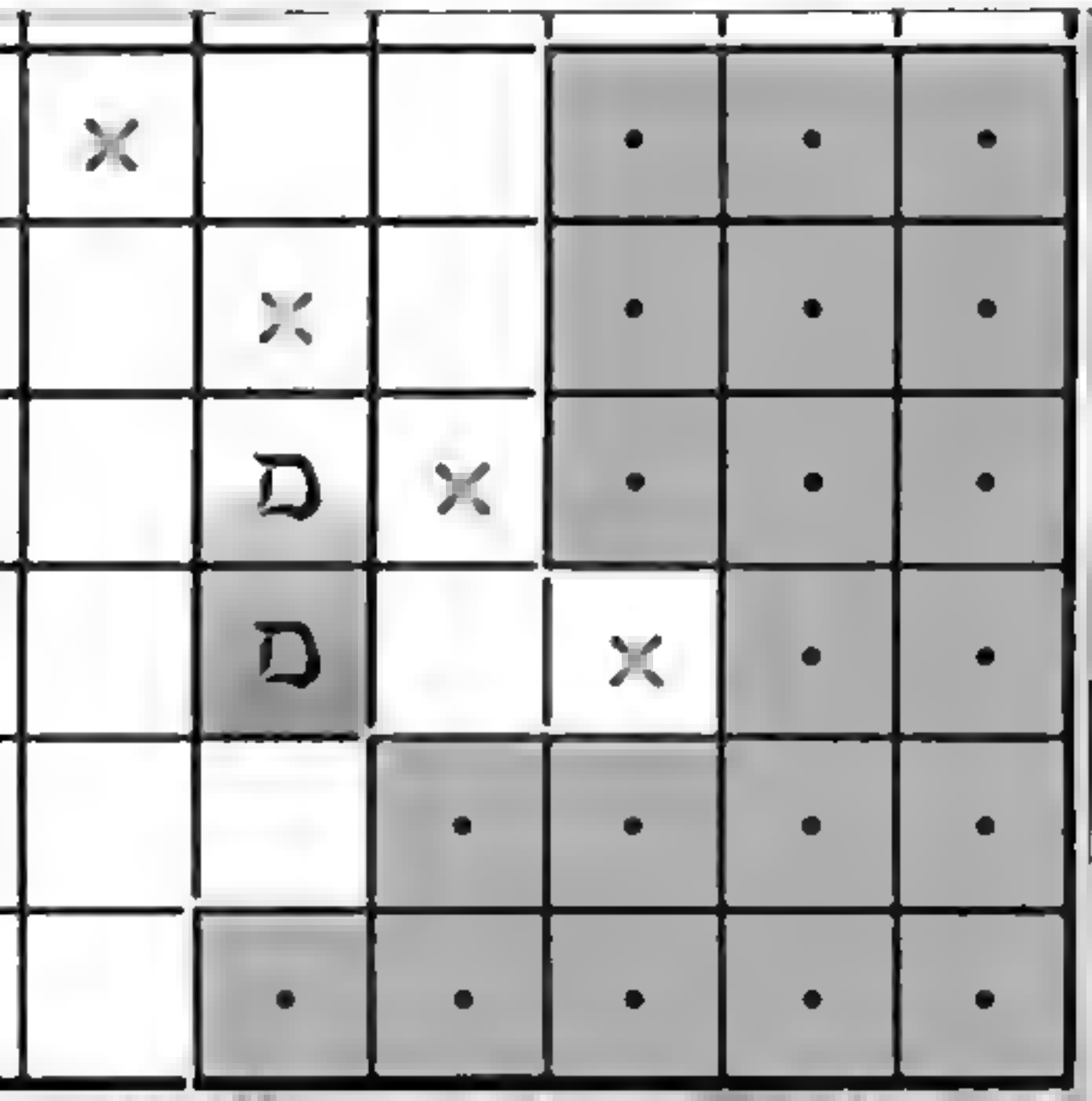
2 SHIPS AT ONCE... HE'S AIMING AT SINKING 2 SUBMARINES AT ONCE.

BUT EVEN WITH ONLY ONE, HE'LL GET ANOTHER ROUND OF VOLLEY... HE CAN DO IT...!! IF IT'S THE OOFUNA-SAN RIGHT NOW...

THERE IS ENOUGH OF A PROBABILITY THAT A SUBMARINE IS HIDING BEHIND ONE OF THOSE CELLS.

BEEP

BEEP

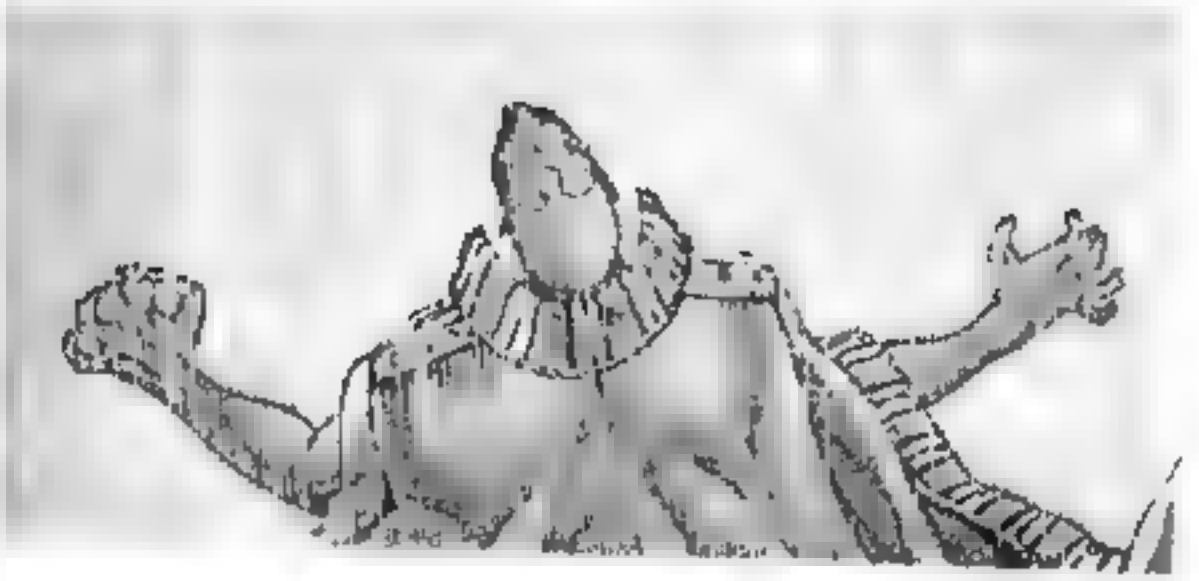


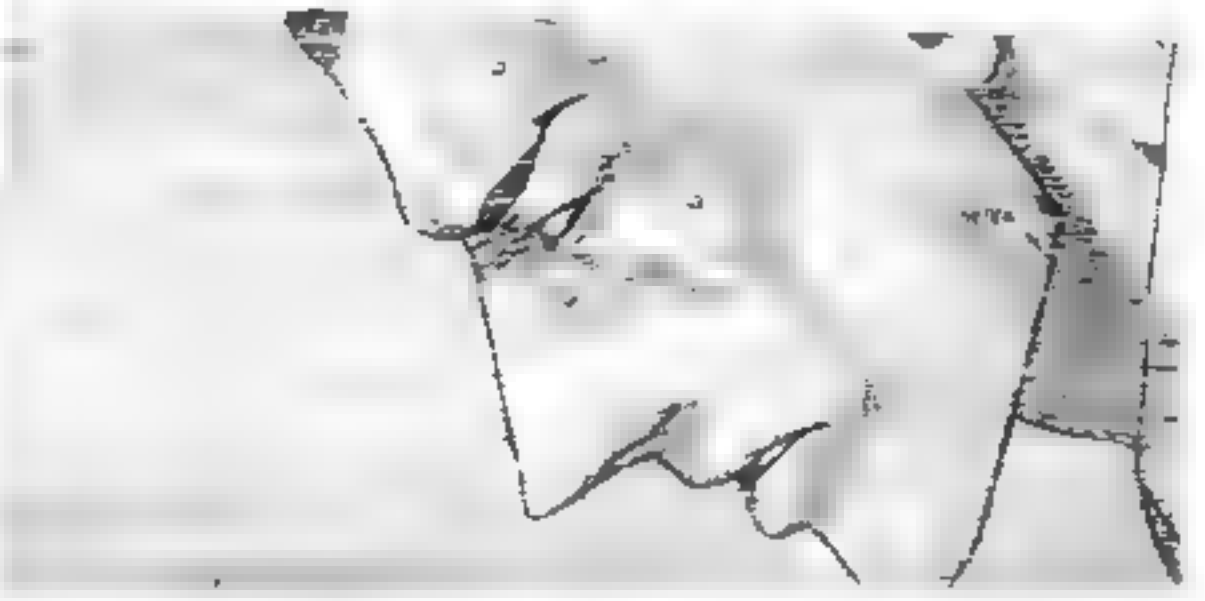
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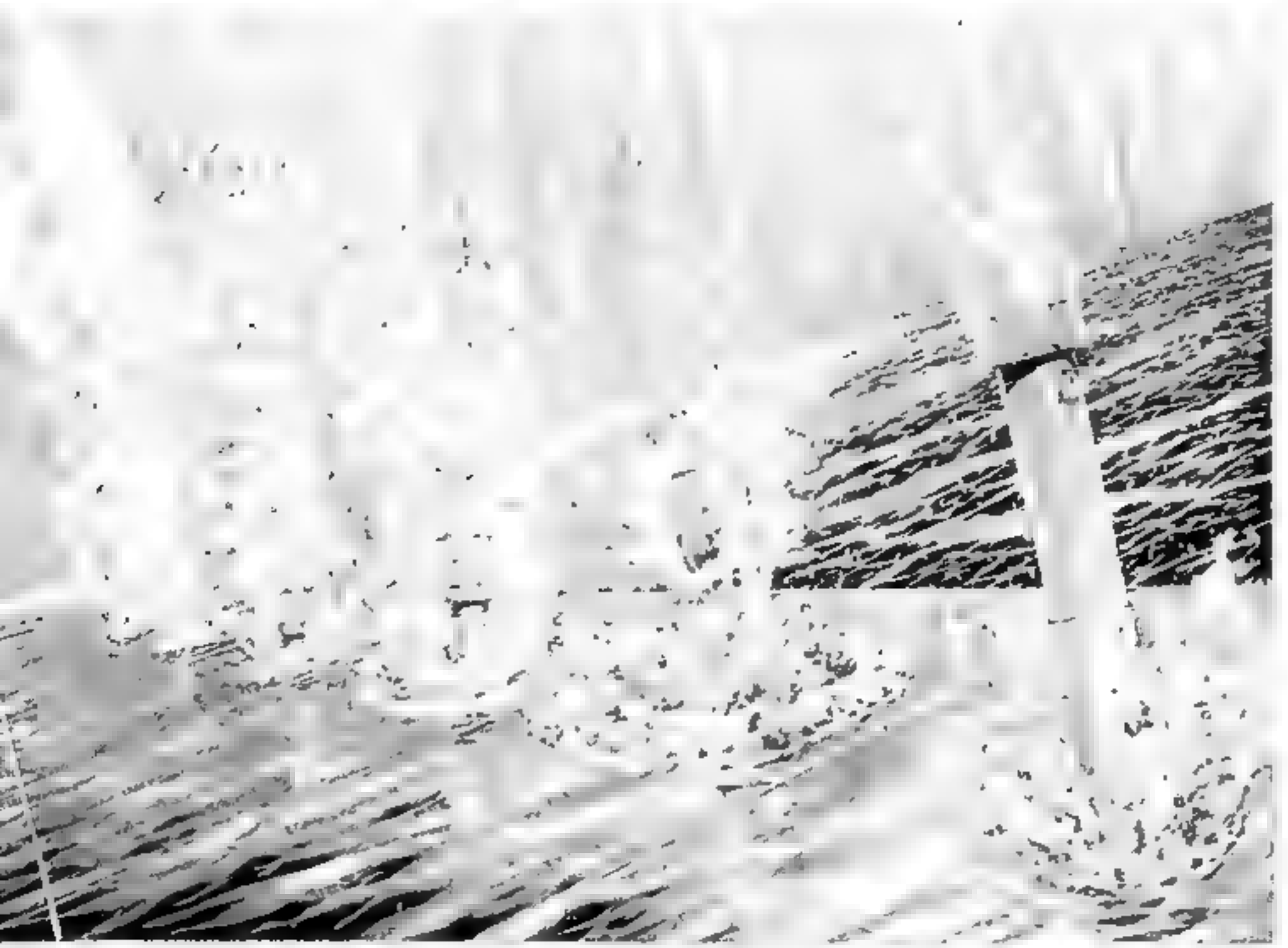
VOLLEY OF FIRE.

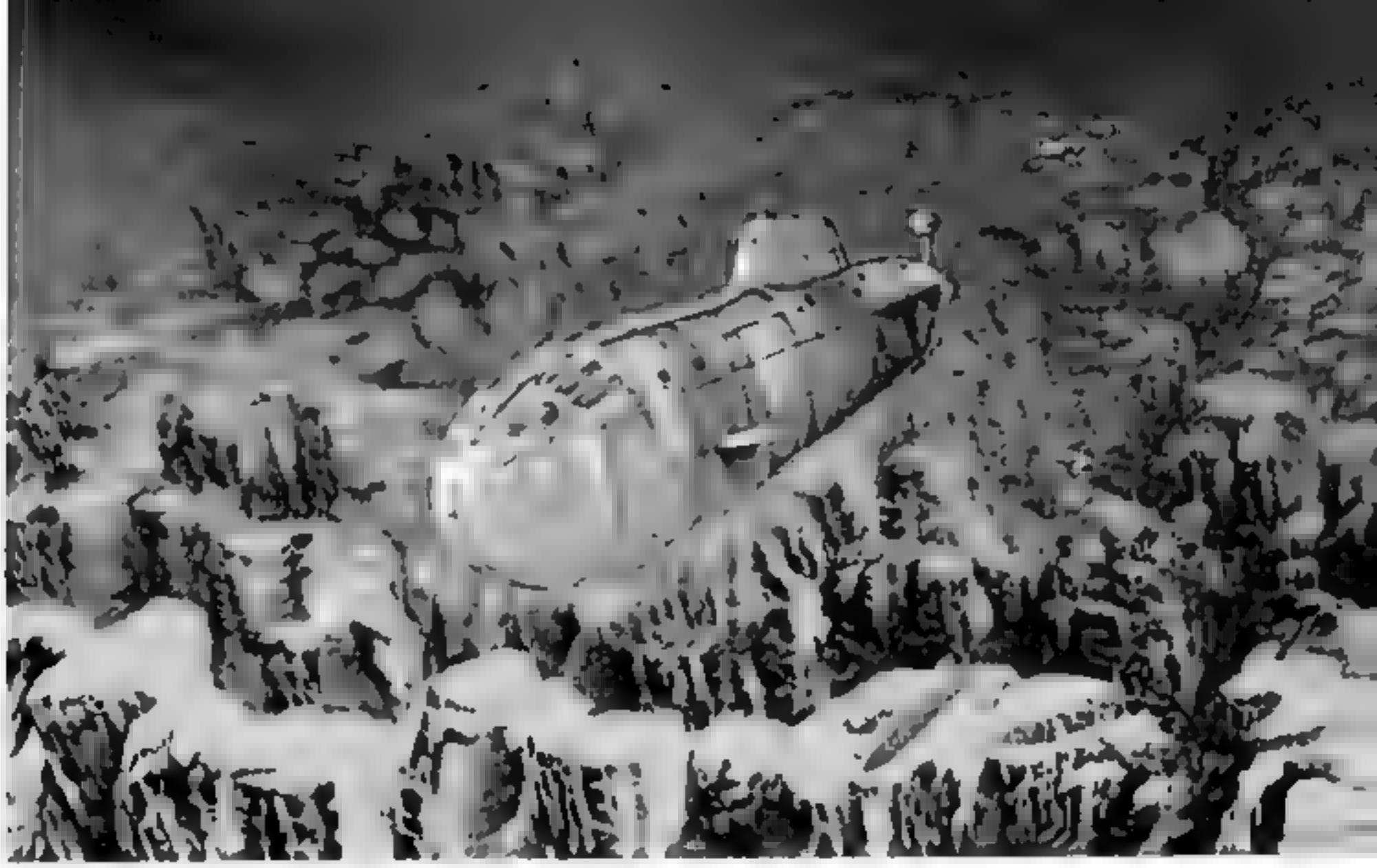

LAUNCH!

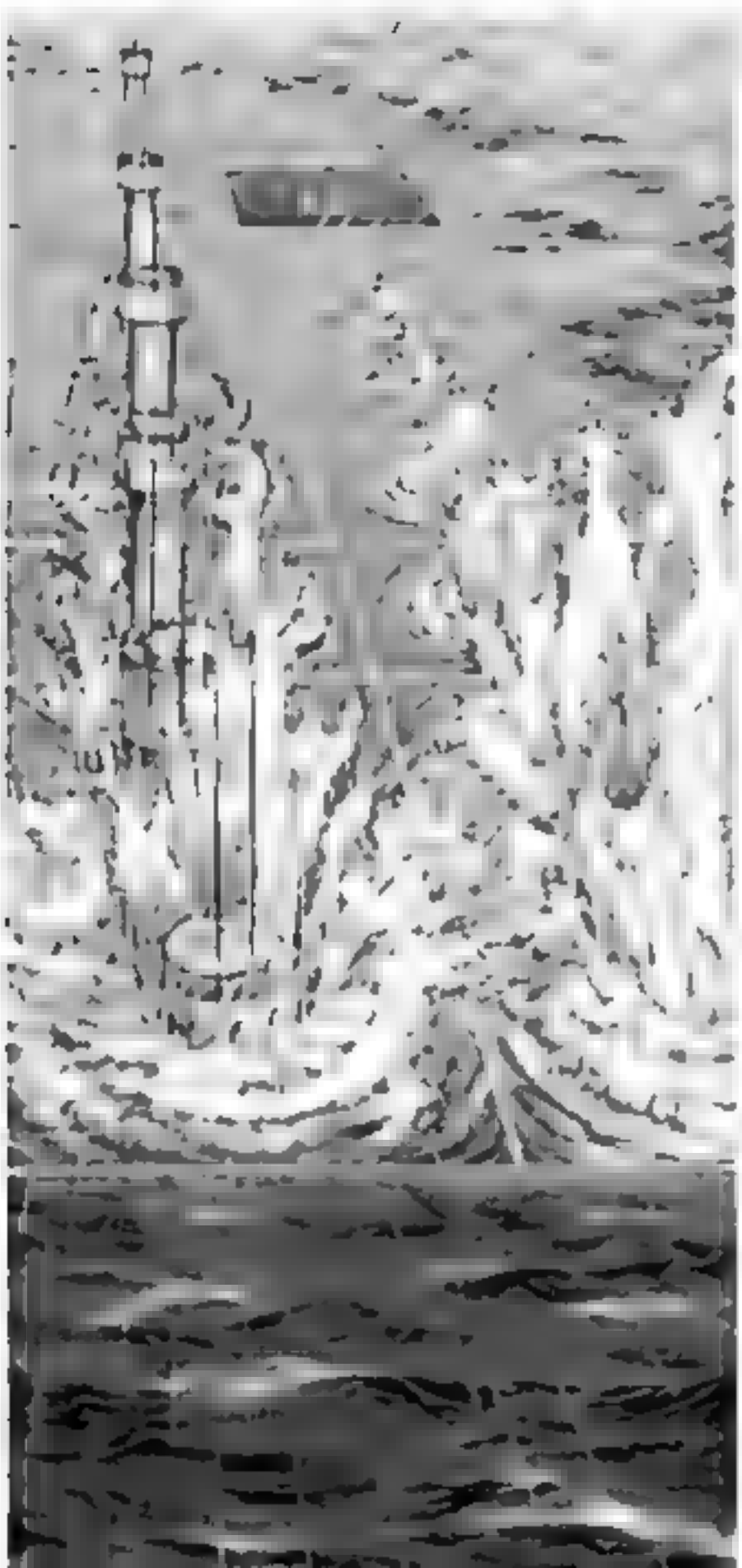


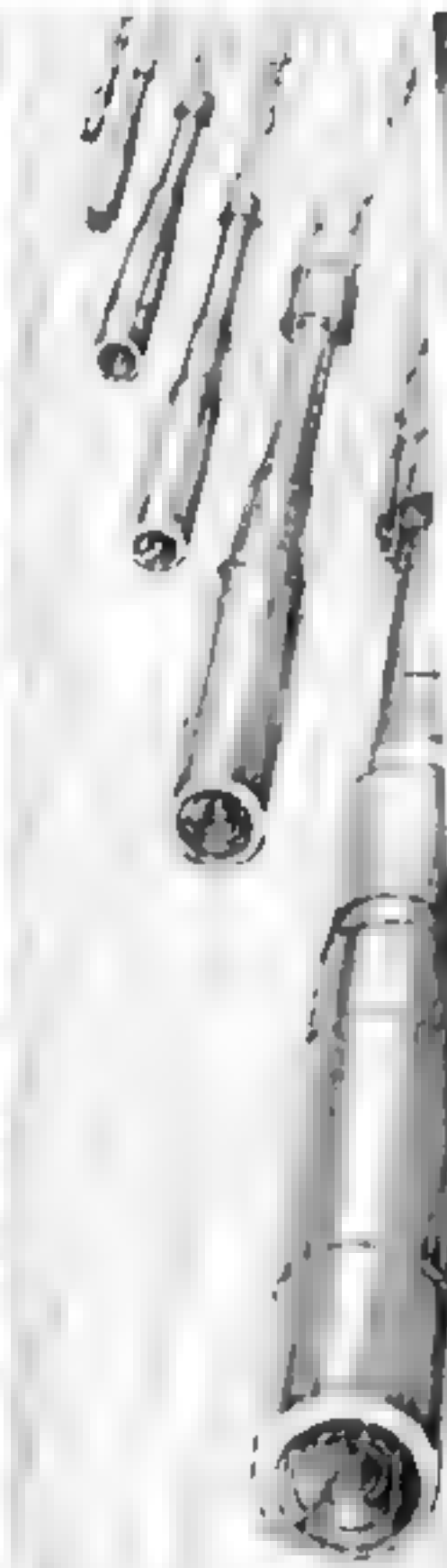








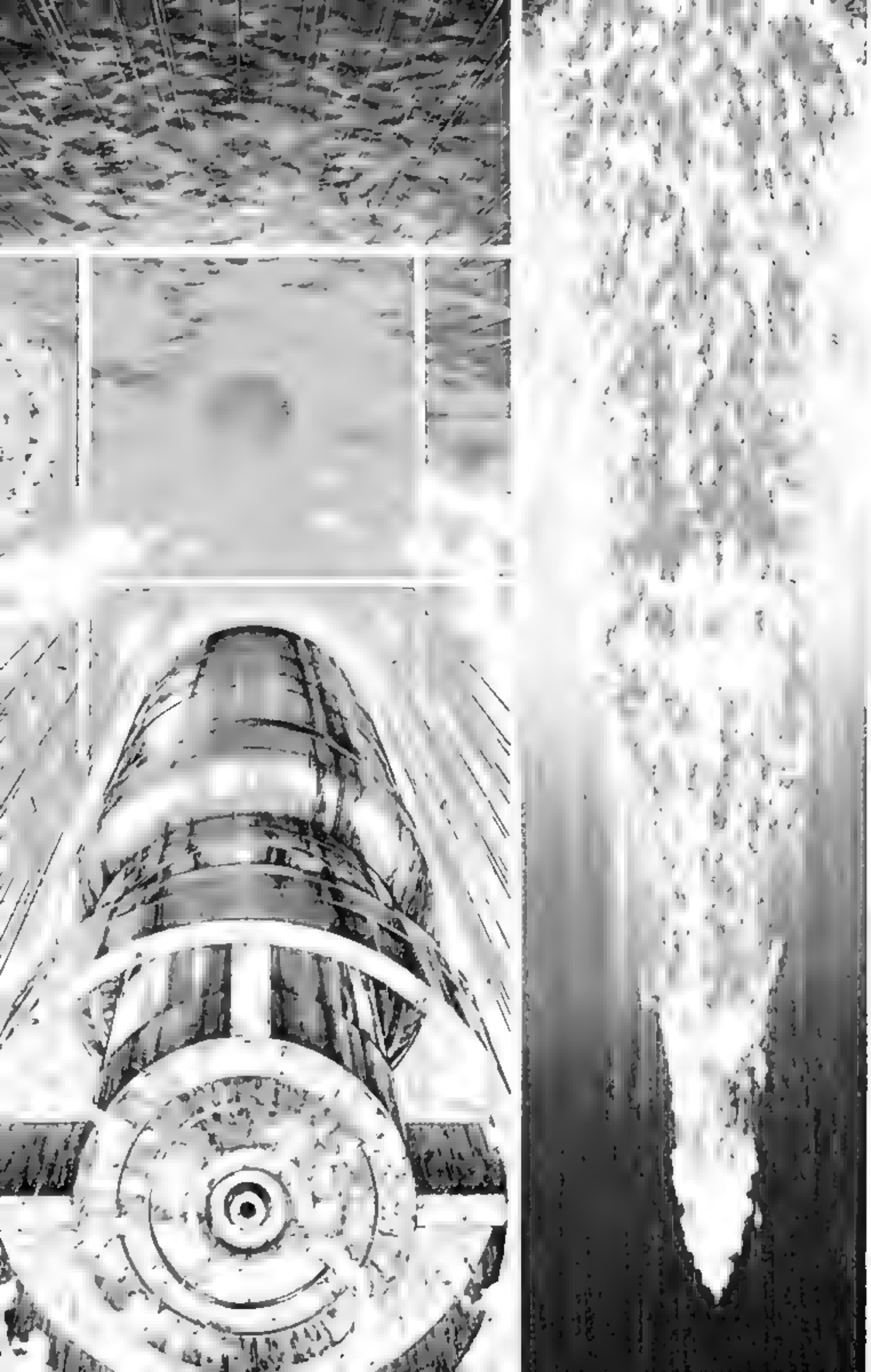












BEAR MY RESENT-MENT...?

ARBI-TRARILY —

FUCK OFF!

BEAR IT?

YOU ARE JUST A MERE YOUNG-STER!!

STOP GETTING INTOXI-CATED!!

STOP SAYING BULL-SHIT!!

STOP BEING EUPHO-RIC!!

SUCH A THING IN THIS WORLD,

IF THERE EXISTS

MIRA-CLES...

IT JUST

HAPP-ENED.

CHAPTER 305
CURSE, FALL, SEIZE

THEN WHY?

HICCUP

IF IT WAS GOING TO END LIKE THIS,

AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

PEOPLE WILL CURSE THEIR FATE.

WHY WOULD YOU GIVE ME SUCH A

HOPEFUL MIRACLE ANYWAY ...?

.....
OOFUNA-KUN.

HE STEPPED ONTO THE WRONG ROUTE...

WHAT A SHAME!!

NOT TO MENTION SINKING ...

NOT EVEN ONE SHIP WAS HIT...

HE MISSED ...

ALL 20 SHOTS ...

IT SEEMS LIKE

HE MISSED

AT A TIME LIKE THIS,

THINK-ING.

... PEOPLE WILL THROW THEMSELVES AWAY AND GIVE UP ON

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

THIS IS THE MOMENT

BUT TO ME,

IT'S A SHAME TO YOU,

A BOTTOM-LESS...

AND FALL INTO...

HELL.

THE LAST SHIP

IT'S THE FINALE.

NOW,

IS RIGHT HERE.

THERE ARE 3 POSSIBI-LITIES.

WHA ...

...T?

ALSO, AT A TIME LIKE THIS,

PEOPLE WILL SEIZE IT DESPER-ATELY

I STILL... HAVE A CHANCE.

NOT YET.

FIRST,

WHICH SIDE IS IT?

IS IT RIGHT?

OR IS IT LEFT?

AND RELUCTANTLY KEEP THEIR SENSES.

PRAY FOR MORE CHANCES,

THEY'LL LOOK FOR A BIGGER MIRACLE,

THIS GUY IS LIKE...

A ZOMBIE...

OR

A MONSTER!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE COLLAPSES... NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE FALLS... HE KEEPS STANDING BACK UP AGAIN... AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN...

PANT

PANT

PANT

ENOUGH ...

ENOUGH!!

I WILL MAKE YOU SLEEP FOR-EVER!

I WILL FINISH YOU!

I WILL MAKE YOU RETURN TO DUST... AND NEVER WAKE UP AGAIN!

BOMB

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HIT

OOFUNA!

THE LOCATION OF YOUR LAST SHIP HAS BEEN COMPLETELY EXPOSED!

THERE'S CLEARLY A REACTION HERE!!

WHAT?

...

WHAT DO YOU...

FOR BECOMING MY DETECTOR AND GIVING YOU THE FINAL STRIKE!

MY THANKS TO YOUR ALLIES WHO ESCAPED!

!

OF COURSE IT IS!

YOU FINALLY REALIZED IT!?

DON'T TELL ME... THAT RADAR...

DON'T TELL ME!

THE ONE WHO TOLD ME YOUR SHIP PLACEMENTS WAS NEVER THE HOUSEPLANT.

YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF IT, HUH!! IT WAS ALL MY STRATEGY!! MY PLAN!!

YOUR ALLIES!

BUT THOSE WHO FOLLOWED MY SCHEME, BY MEMORIZING YOUR SHIP PLACEMENTS, AND LEAVING THE BRIDGE UNDER MY GUIDANCE...

IT'S...

OVER...

OOFUNA... SORRY, I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS US...

THE SHIP... WAS EXPOSED ...

ONLY THE LEFT... WHICH MEANS,

THERE'S NO REACTION ON THE RIGHT.

IT'S DEFINITELY

PLACED LIKE THIS.

SPLASH

VER.

THE GAME IS OVER.

BUT THE OPPONENT WAS TOO GOOD.

OOFUNA GAKUHITO... HAVING SUCH SENSES IN HIS FIRST KAKEROU MATCH... HE HAS TALENT...

ONCE THE GAME IS O-

WE'LL LEAVE

PREPARE FOR THE DEPARTURE.

Miss

BEHIND LACY'S RADAR.

NOTICED THE TRICK

OH?

ACTUALLY ...

I NOTICED IT EARLIER.

IT WENT WELL,

YOKOI-SAN.

WHA ...

WHY DID HE MISS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KAJI-KUN?

WHA... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

AT THAT TIME, THE 5 SHOTS SANK A SUBMARINE AND HIT A DESTROYER.

AND IT WAS AT THE TIME WHEN LACY FIRST USED A VOLLEY OF FIRE IN THIS GAME.

EVERY-THING...

"HUH?" ...

STARTED FROM A THOUGHT...

IT WAS NOT AS BAD AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

JUST ONE HIT ON A DESTROYER.

ONE SHOT HIT A DES-TROYER.

BUT AFTER THE SYSTEM SAID A DESTROYER WAS HIT, YOU...

I SEE!! HE...

NO, IT'S BECAUSE THE PLACEMENTS HE MEMORIZED ARE DIFFERENT...

DON'T TELL ME... THAT HE FORGOT THE SHIP PLACE-MENTS...?

AT THAT TIME, HE DIDN'T SEE THE FINAL PLACEMENTS THAT WE CHANGED.

THANK YOU, YOKOI.

OKAY.

WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING THE PLACEMENTS, HE LEFT.

OOFUNA,

IT SEEMS NOTHING WAS HIDDEN ON THIS PLANT.

LACY COULDN'T SINK THAT DESTROYER AFTER-WARDS.

!

COME TO THINK OF IT, BECAUSE OF THAT,

SPLASH

!!

MISS

WAS IN THE 9TH ROUND.

THE TIME WHEN I STARTED TO SERIOUSLY SUSPECT IT

"COULD IT BE THAT THE HANDCUFFS ARE RELATED TO THAT RADAR...?"

AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS NOTHING IN THAT CELL.

ALRIGHT, WHERE ARE THE SHIPS?

ARE THEY AROUND HERE?

YOU ONLY HAVE 3 SHIPS LEFT

LET ME END THIS QUICKLY

I REALIZED THE ANSWER IMMEDIATELY.

IT WAS A BLANK CELL, BUT WHY...?

IT'S BECAUSE A SHIP USED TO BE THERE.

IT'S HERE.

BUT...

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S JUST AN OLD VERSION OF THE PLACEMENTS.

BUT IT WAS BEFORE THE PLACEMENTS WERE COMPLETE.

THE HOUSE-PLANT.

NOR

NOR ME,

OOFUNA-SAN,

WHICH MEANS, THERE WAS A REACTION NOT BECAUSE OF...

YOKOI-SAN.

IT WAS BECAUSE OF

AND THINKING CAREFULLY, IT'S UNNATURAL TO PREPARE TWO DEVICES.

IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, THE CHAIRS AND THE HANDCUFFS OF MINE AND YOURS ARE DIFFERENT.

I FIGURED OUT THAT THE RADAR ONLY REACTED TO YOKOI-SAN, NOT ME.

SO,

"THE RADAR ONLY REACTS TO YOKOI-SAN."

"THE PLACEMENTS IN YOKOI-SAN'S MEMORY ARE THE OLD VERSION, AND HE KNOWS THAT FACT AS WELL."

THE THINGS WE COULD DO WERE QUITE LIMITED.

IN THAT CASE, THIS SPECULATION WAS WORTH BETTING ON.

AND THEN I GOT A THOUGHT,

SHOULD I TELL YOU THE TRICK, AND CONSPIRE A STRATEGY WITH YOU TO TRICK THE CAPTAIN?

OR SHOULD I LET YOU BE,

AND WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO TRICK THE CAPTAIN?

I KNEW THE PLACEMENTS I MEMORIZED WERE WRONG...

IF THE REMAINING 2 CELLS ON THE LEFT ARE HIT, IT'S OVER!!

WHAT YOU SAID IS RIGHT, WE CAN ONLY PRAY NOW!

IF THE REMAINING 2 CELLS ON THE LEFT ARE HIT, IT'S OVER!!

EVEN IN SUCH AN INTENSE SITUATION,

HE STILL NONCHALANTLY

MANI-PULATE LACY!!

INSTILLED A FAKE PLACEMENT INTO MY HEAD... AND USED ME TO...

YES.

YOU... YOU...

BECAUSE... I'M A BIG LIAR.

AS I RECALLED THE DEVELOPMENT FROM WHEN LACY STARTED USING THE RADAR,

I SEARCHED FOR ALL THE SUSPICIOUS POINTS IN YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

MAYBE

THE REACTION IS A BIT WEAK.

HOW ABOUT HERE...?

MY SUSPICION BECAME A CONFIR-MATION.

WHAT'S WRONG?

HM...

THAT IS

THE LOCATION OF THE CRUISER...

!!

AND, YOKOI-SAN DOESN'T KNOW THE SHIP PLACEMENTS THAT WERE MOVED BY OOFUNA-SAN AND ME...

HEY, WAIT A SECOND, KAJI.

HEY,

MY REACTIONS ARE NOT BEING SENT TO THE RADAR.

CHAPTER 306: PERSEVERANCE

AH YES, BAKU SAN.

IF I HAD KNOWN, I COULD HAVE STOPPED REACTING BY NOT LOOKING AT THE SCREEN.

YOKOI SAN,

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT I ONLY KNEW A PART OF THE PLACEMENTS, AND THE TRICK OF THE RADAR?

WOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT AS LONG AS YOU COVERED YOUR CARDS WHILE HE'S DRAWING?

IF YOU WERE WATCHED THROUGH THE CAMERA,

YOU WOULD STILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO LOSE.

SAYING THAT...?

YOU'RE STILL...

IN THAT CASE,

IF I DID THAT SO OBVIOUSLY, THE OPPONENT WOULD HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT LEAVE IT TO LUCK AND DRAW, RIGHT?

ALSO, THE REASON WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU MY THOUGHTS,

THE CAPTAIN MIGHT USE ANOTHER STRATEGY.

ONLY PREVENTING IT IS NOT ENOUGH.

IF I DID THAT,

I ALREADY FIGURED OUT THAT WE'RE NOT BEING WIRETAPPED.

BUT,

AS I THOUGHT.

!

WAS BECAUSE WE MIGHT BE WIRETAPPED.

YOU WERE SHOUTING "MISS IT" AT THAT TIME.

MISS IT!

MISS IT!

MISS IT!

THE 9TH ROUND.

AGAIN, IT WAS IN

BUT THE CAPTAIN STILL PRESSED IT.

THAT WAS AN ACTION OF "NOT BEING SURE ABOUT THE PLACEMENTS IN YOUR MEMORY", WASN'T IT?

IT'S HERE.

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE PLACEMENTS, YOU REACTED TO THAT BLANK CELL.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WAS NO WIRETAPPING.

WHEN THE CAPTAIN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS GOING TO PRESS IT, YOU SHOUTED "MISS IT".

BUT HE DIDN'T.

HE'D HAVE HESITATED OR BEEN SHAKEN UP.

EVEN IF THERE'S A REACTION ON THE RADAR, IF HE HEARD YOU CONTINUOUSLY SHOUTING "MISS IT".

HE'D HAVE HEARD THAT VOICE OF YOURS.

"MISS IT!"

IF HE HAD BEEN WIRE-TAPPING US,

THE CHOICE OF TELLING YOU THE SENSOR TRICK WAS GONE TOO.

AT THE SAME TIME,

TO TRICK LACY.

AND 2 OF THEM WERE...

THE REASON IS THAT AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE ONLY 3 OF OUR SHIPS LEFT.

I WANTED TO USE THEM

THE SHIPS THAT HAD BEEN MOVED BY OOFUNA-SAN AND ME, WHICH MEANS "THEY WERE THE SHIPS THAT YOKOI-SAN MIGHT NOT HAVE MEMORIZED".

I SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE ACCEPTED THAT REQUEST FROM KARL SAN... WHY DO I HAVE TO FACE SUCH...

WHY.. LIKE THIS... I CAN'T ACCEPT IT...

WE'RE DOOMED

BUT I HAD TO HOLD IT UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY CAME... "ARE THERE ANY METHODS TO DECREASE THE REACTIONS ON THE RADAR?"

I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THAT CONVERSATION TO DISTRACT YOUR ATTENTION..... AND IT WORKED BETTER THAN I THOUGHT, LACY COULDN'T NARROW DOWN THE TARGETS DUE TO THAT.

RIGHT NOW, YOU SAID KARL, DIDN'T YOU? IS THAT THE NAME OF THE INFORMANT WHO GAVE YOU THE USB?

WHEN HE DIDN'T KNOW

LACY COULDN'T GET A CORRECT ANSWER FROM THAT RADAR FOR A WHILE.

AFTER-WARDS,

AND IT WAS AT THE TIME OF THE LAST VOLLEY OF FIRE,

THERE WAS A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE GAME, BECAUSE LACY GAVE UP ON THE UNSTABLE RADAR AND DECIDED TO ATTACK BASED ON THE ODDS.

WHICH ONE OF THE 5 SHOTS HIT THE CRUISER.

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT WORK THE MOST EFFECTIVELY, HE HAD TO "LIE" AT THE PERFECT TIMING.

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT'LL WORK TWICE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS WHEN TO INSTILL A FAKE PLACEMENT INTO YOKOI.

IN ORDER TO MAKE LACY MISS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT.

BUT THE TIMING DIDN'T ALLOW FOR ANY MISTAKES... IF HE MADE A MISTAKE, EVERYTHING WOULD BE RUINED...

HE COULD JUST IGNORE HIM,

EVEN IF YOKOI ASKED HIM "I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW THE SHIP PLACEMENTS, PLEASE TELL ME."

"IF I DO IT NOW, HE'LL MISS... HE'LL MISS!"

"BUT THE CHANCE THAT HE'LL HIT IS PRETTY HIGH TOO."

KAJI SHOULD HAVE BEEN THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THAT TIME. "THERE ARE 8 CHOICES FOR LACY."

HE WAS STRUGGLING BETWEEN THE TWO CHOICES.

OR "HOLDING ONTO THE STRATEGY",

"USING THE STRATEGY TO GET A SENSE OF RELIEF",

"IT'S NOT THE TIME YET... NOT YET!"

"THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THAT HE WILL MISS."

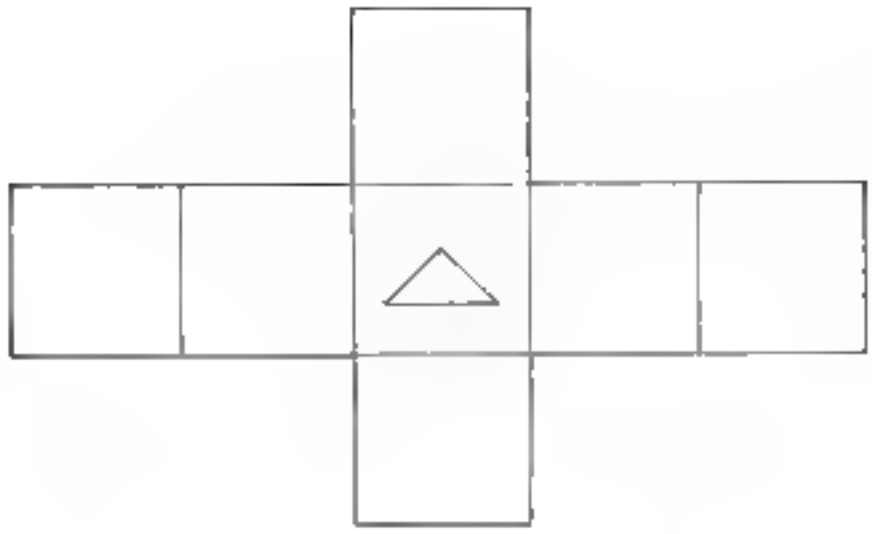

ON TOP OF THAT...
THOUGHT THAT FAR IN SUCH AN INTENSE SITUATION!?
THIS GUY...


AT THAT TIME, I KNEW THAT "THE SHIP IS AROUND THERE", SO THE CRUISER WAS FOUND.
THE CRUISER
IS HERE!

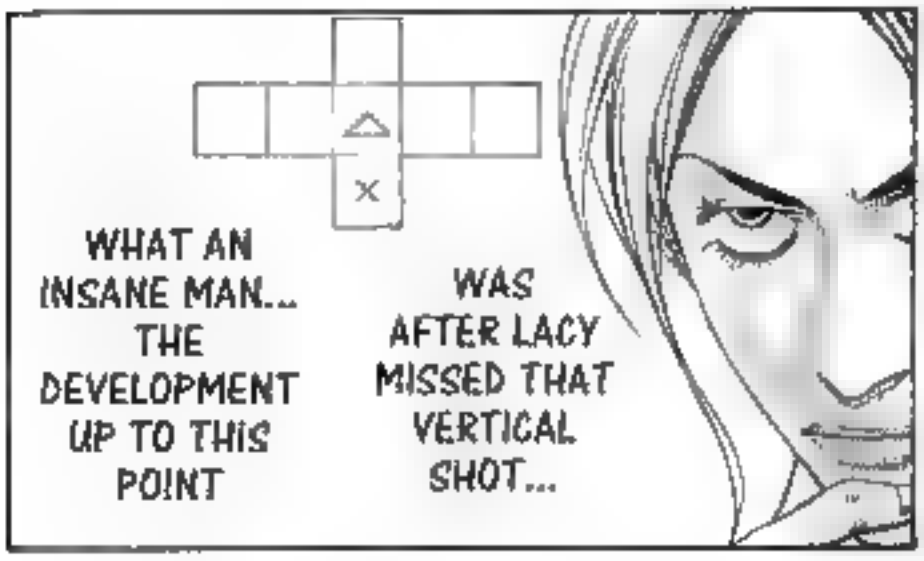

IT... IT'S A CHANCE!!
FINE!! I'LL GUESS IT MYSELF!
LACY'S CHOICES WERE NARROWED DOWN.
IN AN INSTANT,

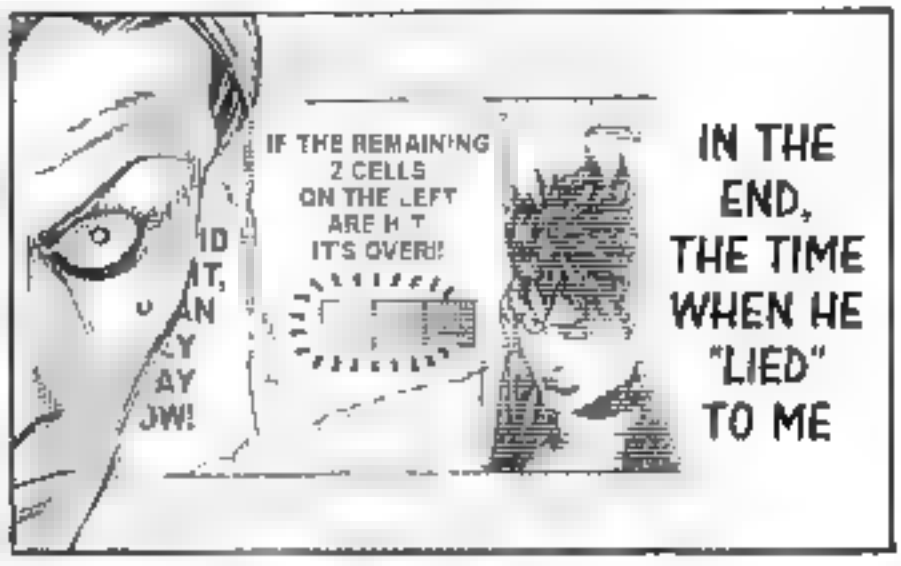
.....BEAR IT
.....HOLD IT!
TSK!
USELESS PIECE OF SHIT!
AT THAT TIME, WHAT WAS KAJI... WHAT WAS HE THINKING ...?

HE STILL CHOSE TO HOLD THE TRUMP CARD...



IN SUCH A SITUATION,





BAKU-SAN... I...

I WON!

I WON THIS BET!

SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN INCRE-DIBLY RISKY BET FOR HIM...

NO MORE!

THERE'S NO NEXT TIME!

IT WILL END

FOR SURE!

IN THE NEXT ROUND

BUT THIS IS IT!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE ANY MORE CHANCES NOW!!
OOFUNA-SAN!!

THIS IS YOUR LAST TURN, OOFUNA-SAN!!

IT'S LIKE MY HEAD IS IN ANOTHER DIMENSION...

AND, IN A VERY CALM STATE...

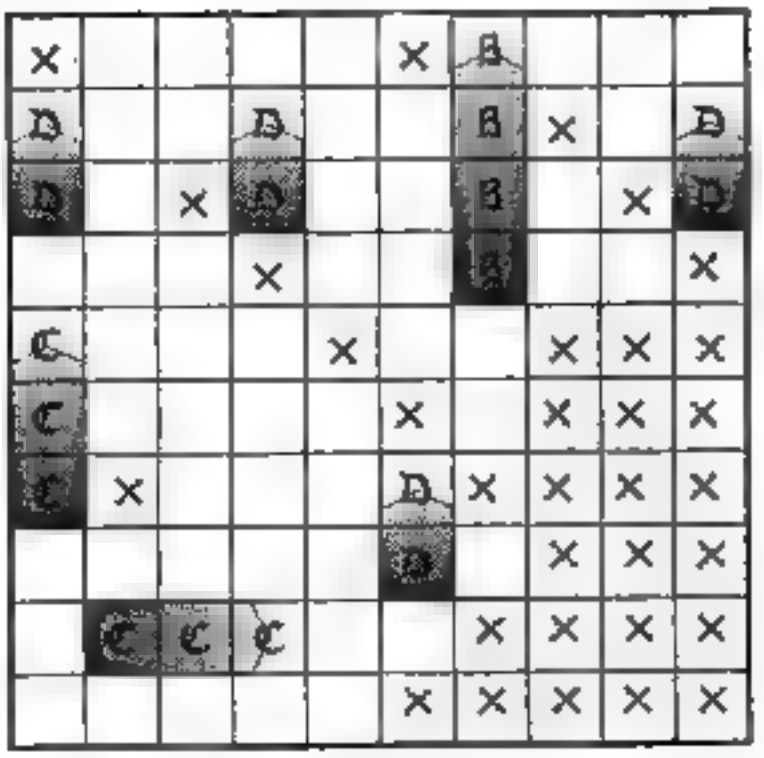
.....SO QUIET...

THINK.

WAS IT SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS UNLUCKY

THE 20 SHOTS,

THAT I MISSED A 20/70 CHANCE?



REMEMBER EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW...

REMEMBER IT.

MAYBE IT'S NOT SO.

NO.

WHILE YOU WERE DECIDING THE GAME,

WHAT THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE CAPTAIN AND YOU WAS?

BEFORE KAKEROU STARTED PRESIDING THIS MATCH,

THINK ABOUT IT...

IN THE BEGINNING, IN WHAT SITUATION DID THIS GAME START?

THIS IS THE REAL LAST CHANCE.

THE ONE WHO NEVER THINKS IS JUST A LOSER WHO ONLY COMFORTS HIMSELF BY CURSING FATE AND BLAMING OTHERS.

ONLY THE ONE WHO CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT OTHERS CAN'T, WILL WIN.

A HUMAN'S HEART

IS HARD TO READ.

IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS NOTHING MORE WORTHLESS THAN EXPECTING OTHERS TO HAVE KINDNESS OR COMPASSION FOR YOURSELF AND TO TRY TO PUSH THOSE EXPECTATIONS ONTO OTHERS.

THAT'S WHAT THIS MATCH IS.

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AND MIRACULOUSLY, WHEN LACY WAS SEARCHING MY BODY, HE DIDN'T FIND IT...

THIS THING

REALLY HELPED ME A LOT...

INCREDIBLY CALM...

I AM

I SEE... IT'S THE TRANSMITTER...

UM? THIS IS...

WHY COULDN'T HE FIND SUCH A CONSPICUOUS THING LIKE THIS...?

IT'S STRANGE ...

I REMEMBER HE SAID IT WAS A BODY SEARCH FOR CHECKING IF I WAS CARRYING ANY WEAPONS....

BUT... IF SO...

IT'S NOW A DANGEROUS 1 VS 1, EVEN FOR ME.

IN ORDER FOR ME TO FEEL SAFE, I'D ALSO LIKE TO PERFORM A BODY CHECK ON YOU.

BITE
BITE
BITE
MY...
SUBMARINE WON'T BE FOUND... IF YOURS IS A TATTERED SHIP
WITH A DIESEL ENGINE,
BUT IF THE REASON WHY HE SEARCHED MY BODY
AT THAT TIME, I FELT ONLY A SENSE OF RELIEF...
WAS FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE...

DEEPLY
DEEPLY
DEEPLY
DEEPLY
DEEPLY
IT'S AN AKULA-CLASS SUB-MARINE!!
BITE
BITE
BITE
MINE IS THE LATEST NUCLEAR SUB-MARINE.

WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND IT...
IT WON'T BE FOUND...
IT DIVED INTO A PLACE

BOTH ……

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THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN SINK BOTH OF THEM.

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

BE-SIDES,

WHETHER YOU CAN HIT THE LAST ONE OR NOT...



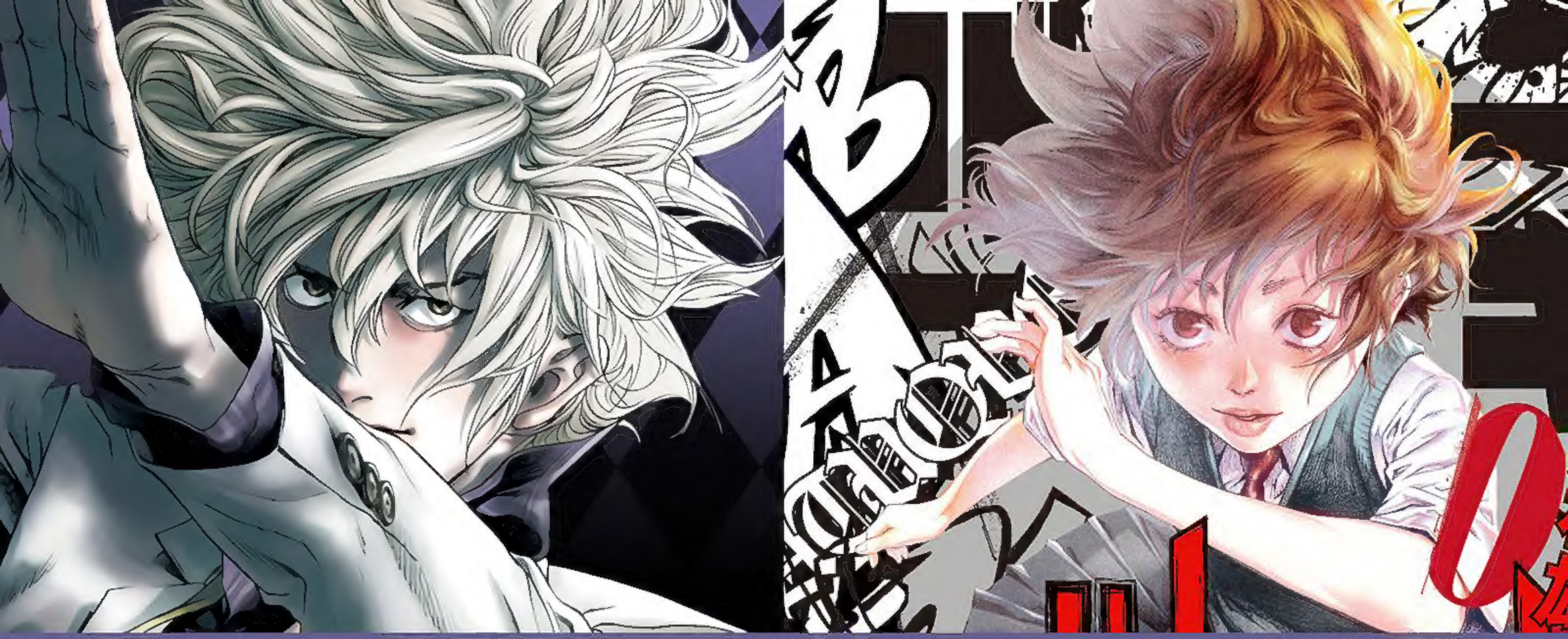
GULP

COULD ...IT BE!!

AH.....

WHAT EXACTLY ...ARE YOU GOING TO...

OO-FUNA-SAN...



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USOGUI SIDE STORY

YAKOU HIKOICHI

WHAT METHOD DID YOU USE?

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FLATTERING HIM INGRATIATINGLY, RIGHT?

SILENT~

...

...

SILENT~

HEY, MAKURO.

IT SEEMS LIKE MY GRANDPA REALLY LIKES YOU.

DON'T GET ME WRONG!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
I'M NOT TRYING TO IMITATE YOU!!
HAHAHA
SILENT~
HEY,
HOW DID YOU DO IT... TELL ME.
SMILE
SILENT~
YOU ARE REALLY QUIET, YOU KNOW...
OR SHOULD I SAY YOU'RE MODEST ...
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY.
SILENT~
COULD IT BE...
MAKURO ...
JUST KIDD-ING!
HAHA!
HE... HE'S DEAD...
GOT-CHA~

FROM NOW ON. I HOPE WE CAN GET ALONG WELL, MAKURO.

WE'RE BROS NOW.

YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND, RIGHT? I KNOW.

I KNOW... I KNOW, MAKURO,

WELL, IF YOU INSIST~

THE NEXT MORN-ING

GOOD NIGHT.

TIME TO SLEEP, MAKURO.

I'LL AVENGE YOU!!

DON'T GIVE MAKURO ANY PRESSURE.

MAKURO BECAME COLD... AND NEVER MOVED AGAIN.

MA-KURO ...

WHO DID THIS!?

WHAT HAPPENED!? MAKURO OOOOO!